

Theda Louise Howard Diary, 1924

Transcribed by her son Arthur Pease, 2023

Theda Howard married my father, Glenn Pease, in 1928 and lived at the Sherburn-Pease farm on Route 25-A in East Orford until her death at 102 in 2008. I have her 1923 and 1924 diaries, written when she was living at home with her parents, George and Flora Howard, on Atwell Hill, Wentworth, NH. She was born April 28, 1906, so 16-18 when writing this. She went to Grades 1-8 at the near-by Atwell Hill School and didn't pursue further schooling.

She apparently received this diary as a Christmas present in 1923. Pasted inside the front cover are eight US stamps: 2 1¢, 2 2¢, 1 4¢, 1 10¢, 1 14¢, 1 20¢. There were also several four-leaf clovers and one five-leaf, along with some 3-leaf [smaller, different color] pressed in the back pages. Ma was famous for finding 4-leaf clovers, apparently a skill she had since girlhood. There are several places where a page or two [4 or 8 days] are missing. A weather report and temperature are recorded for each day, with the temp taken between 6 and 7 a.m. Some of the people and events are shown in Ma's photo album.

I will identify more of the names at the end but these are a few family ones she often mentions:

Papa/Pa – George Howard
Mama/Ma – Flora Howard
Gladys – her older sister, married to David Keneson
Ray – Gladys and David's son, first child, born 1922

FOR IDENTIFICATION [*In front of diary*]:

Name	Theda L. Howard
Residence	Wentworth, New Hampshire
Business Address	R.F.D. 1, Box 19, Pike, N.H.
Number on Watch Case	1,707,440
Number of Bank Book	7899
Weight	109 ½ on December 26, '23
Height	5', 3 ½ "
Size of Hosiery	10
Size of Shoes	6

1/1 Fair, 20a. Got up about 9. Looked over my writing boxes this forenoon. David and Gladys have gone up to Freeman's for the day. Mama churned. Mr. Lange didn't come today. Mama lined his fur robe this afternoon. I worked on bureau scarf. I read some in book tonight. I started a letter to Crystal tonight.

1/2 Partly cloudy, 1b. Got up about nine and wrote the items and finished my letter to Crystal. We churned. I washed the churn and helped get dinner and do dishes. Had a card from Aunt Abbie. Brushed up sitting room. Mama went over to Gladys [*must already be living on the farm they bought from Great-Uncle Leonard Howard, about half a mile east on the road toward Wentworth village.*] I washed my new blue dress. David was over this afternoon after the dray. I straightened out my closet.

1/3 Rain, cloudy, 19a. Got up about eight-thirty. Did quite a little of the ironing this morning. Helped get dinner. We looked over some waists this afternoon. I pressed my blue dress. Picked over things on plant table and stand. David was over this afternoon. Got letter from Crystal. We read more in our book.

1/4 Partly cloudy, 20a. Got up about nine. Mama swept the sitting room. I hung out the clothes. Went up to church [just across the road] and got a few pieces. Mrs. Perkins was all the Mite Society. Went over to Gladys' and Uncle E's. *[Elbridge, her father's brother, lived between Theda's and her sister's]* Went over to Gladys' after supper to stay tonight. I undressed Ray *[Gladys and David's son]* and put him to bed. I went to bed about then. Ray had his Christmas tree tonight.

1/5 Snow, 13a. Got up at six-thirty. We had breakfast and David and Gladys started for the village a little past seven. Dressed Ray. Swept and brushed up kitchen and sitting room. Did dishes. Came home about two. Read a little while and then made some doughnuts. Helped do the dishes. Mended a pair of stockings and then read a while in "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." It is good.

1/6 [S] Fair, 3a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Cooked some cereal and read some in my book while I ate my breakfast *[so, my habit is actually genetic.]* We had dinner about two. I helped do dishes and then finished my book. Glenn brought Dorice over about half past five. We had popcorn for luncheon. *[Hmm – Glenn Pease is my father and Dorice his sister, who was teaching at Atwell Hill School and boarding with Grammy Howard. Perhaps Dad stayed for popcorn. Hadn't thought of them knowing each other that early – they were married in 1928.]* I read two or three chapters in our book this evening *[She has written 'our book' a couple of times. I wonder if she is reading aloud to Grampa and Grammy.]*. Went to bed about nine thirty.

1/7 Cloudy, squally, 10a. Got up about eight-thirty, helped with the washing. Hung some clothes in the shed. Did the dishes. David stopped here a minute this morning. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Picked over my bureau draw and put some things in boxes. Helped get supper and do dishes. I read about sixty pages in our book tonight.

1/8 Partly cloudy, 9a. Got up about eight. Mama and I did the ironing this morning. Helped get dinner. Finished my book and then went over to Gladys about two. Eleanor was down a little while. I made ginger cookies this afternoon. Helped get supper. Did the dishes. Undressed Ray and put him to bed. Went to bed about nine.

1/9 Fair, 16a. Got up at five. Helped Gladys get ready. They started a little before six. Ray woke up at seven thirty. Papa came over about nine and did chores and then we went home about eleven. David and Gladys came about four and Ma and Pa brought Ray a little later. Gladys went to bed. I got supper and did the work and got Ray to bed.

1/10 Fair, 29a. Got up about six. Got David's breakfast and dressed Ray. Gladys got up about eight. Did the work and got dinner. David is hauling wood today. I cut my finger. Mama and Papa went to the village and I went over home a little while. Got the supper and did the dishes. Got Ray to bed and then went about nine.

1/11 Rain, 30a. Got up at half past five to get breakfast so David could go with the milk but he didn't have to. Dressed Ray, did the work. Made dinner. It has rained hard all forenoon. Papa was over this am. David went after the girls. Freeman and Earl were here a little while. Gladys and I cleaned the lamps.

1/12 Cloudy, 30a. Got up at five thirty and got David's breakfast. He went with the milk. I did the work. Freeman and Earl were here a few minutes this morn. Helped get dinner. David sawed wood this afternoon. Mama was over a while. I went back with her and got best coat. I mended David's mackinaw and Gladys worked on Ray's white coat.

1/13 [S] Fair, 2a. Got up at five thirty and got breakfast and went to village with David. We got down there before eight. Stopped at Bowles, Brown's and Henry's. Got home at ten. Mama bathed Ray. I got dinner. George was here a little while, took me over home. Sent for patterns, wrote letters to Flora and Hubbard. Went back about seven. Went to bed at nine.

1/14 Cloudy, 26a. Got up about six thirty and got breakfast. David cut up some pumpkins and I fixed them. Swept the kitchen and did the work. Got dinner. David went over home to help clean out stove

pipe. He and Papa sawed wood this afternoon. I fixed apples for Gladys' pies and did dishes. Gladys made five pies and some tarts. Got supper. Ray was fussy, so didn't go to bed till ten.

1/15 Fair, 10a. Got up at five thirty and got David's breakfast. Did the work. David got home at ten thirty. He and Gladys went over street and I got dinner. Made giggers. Did the dishes. David is finishing his wood today. Eleanor and Kenneth were down a little while. Came home about three. David took Dolly home.

1/16 Cloudy, 21a. Got up about eight. Had breakfast and then helped Mama with the work. We did the ironing this morning. Helped get dinner. Mama rested a while after dinner. I read some and worked a little but not very much. I made some baked kisses. Helped get the supper and Dorice and I did dishes. Dorice and I went over to Gladys' after school. Read in evening and went to bed about nine.

1/17 Partly cloudy, 30a. Got up about eight thirty. Mama went over to Gladys' and got Ray. We took care of him today. Helped get dinner. I took the traverse and slid with the children at recess. I skied down across the field three or four times, it went fine. *[I have 2 or 3 photos of Ma with skis.]* Dorice and I took Ray home after school. Got in some clothes for Gladys. Dorice and I did dishes.

1/18 Fair, 10a. I woke up about four and my stomach didn't feel very good. Got up about nine and got dressed and then laid on couch. Louise, Mrs. Perkins, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Chase came to Mite Society. I have got some cold so I don't feel very good, stayed on couch all day. David took Dorice home tonight. I went to sleep a little while before supper. I ate something about eight and then got ready for bed.

1/19 Cloudy, 20a. Got up about nine and came down and got in Mama's bed. Got dressed a little while before dinner. Mama went over to Gladys' a little while this forenoon. She made Ray a pair of creepers this afternoon. I feel pretty good. I read a while this afternoon. Went to bed about nine.

1/20 [S] Partly cloudy, 32a. Got up about nine. Got ready and took a bath. Had breakfast about eleven. David, Gladys and Ray came over about one. I took pictures of David, Gladys and Ray with David's camera. I feel pretty good today. David played the phonograph quite a little while. I fooled with David a few minutes *[I hope just dancing!]* They went home about six. I went to bed about nine.

1/21 Cloudy, 2b. I got up about 8:30. Mama did the washing today but couldn't put the clothes out. Got our package from Montgomery [must be catalog order] Dorice got her cretonne today *[a strong cotton or linen cloth used especially for curtains and upholstery.]* Helped with dishes. Did a little work on my brown dress. David was over a little while this afternoon. We oiled the phonograph a little.

1/22 Cloudy, 6b. Got up at seven thirty. David went up to butcher for Herbert *[Clark]* and Mama went with him. I got the breakfast and did the dishes. Papa went over to Gladys this forenoon. I got dinner and swept the kitchen and sitting room and the stairs. Got supper. Ma and David came a little past six. My throat don't feel very good tonight.

1/23 Snow squalls, 23a. Got up about nine and had breakfast. Mama made pies and churned this morning. I fixed apples for pies. We had a boiled dinner today. David came over this noon on his bicycle. I didn't do very much this afternoon. Helped get supper and do the dishes.

1/24 Fair, 0. Got up about eight. I made sponge drop cakes. Mama went over to Gladys' about eight thirty. David and Gladys have gone to Plymouth. Ma brought Ray over about noon. I helped take care of him. Ma and Pa took him home about five. I got the supper. Talked with David about seven. I worked quite a while on Mama's bureau scarf. She came home about ten.

1/25 Cloudy, snow, 23a. Got up about eight thirty, did the dishes. Mama went over to Gladys' about nine. I got the dinner and did dishes. Worked some on bureau scarf. David brought Mama home about three. Mr. Pease came after Dorice. I did what ironing there was to do this forenoon.

1/26 Snow squalls, 2b. Got up about nine and had my breakfast. Mama made some doughnuts and then I made a Poverty cake. David was here a few minutes this noon. He is going up to saw wood for Freeman this afternoon. Mama and I made some chocolates this afternoon. David stopped here a few minutes tonight. I helped with dishes.

1/27 [S] Fair, cold, 15b. I woke up about one and Mama brought up the hot water bottle about three. Got up about nine and dressed and laid on couch. I read a while and then had a nap. Laid on Ma's bed a while before dinner and read a while. Glenn brought Dorice over tonight. We read a continued story out loud tonight *[likely serialized in a newspaper.]*

1/28 [S] Cloudy, 20b. Got up about eight thirty. Did the dishes and Mama washed. To cold to put clothes out. Helped with dinner. Mama helped me make cushion cover and back for small rocking chair. "Uncle Fred" came over after Junie. David was in here a few minutes tonight. I finished chair back this evening.

1/29 Cloudy, 20a. Got up about eight thirty. Helped do the dishes and helped Mama fix some sweet apples. I made a little chocolate fudge. We got our McQuesten package today. Mama and I went over to Gladys' after dinner. We all took Ray out for a ride. David and Freeman brought back sawing machine. We had Jello for supper.

1/30 Partly cloudy, 28a. I slept with Dorice last night, my room smelled so bad *[Why, dammit?]* Mama and I did the ironing this morning. I swept the sitting room. I got a card from Walter. He is in Panama. Helped do dishes. Went over to Gladys' this afternoon. We took Ray out for a little ride. David is hauling wood today. I came home about five. Made out order for my dishes.

1/31 Partly cloudy, 27a. I got up about nine. Did dishes. Mama went over to Gladys' a while this morning. I got dinner and Ma maid her underwaist *[a blouse worn under another.]* After dinner she cut out my black middy *[any of various loose blouses with a sailor collar, often extending below the waistline to terminate in a broad band or fold, as worn by sailors, women, or children.]* I worked quite a while on it. Helped do dishes. I worked on Ma's bureau scarf this evening and got it all done. Ma and Dorice played Flinch. *[Maybe a game but can't find a definition.]*

2/1 Fair, 3b. I got up about seven and got breakfast. Mama went to the village with David. I did dishes and swept and dusted living room. Louise, Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Chase came to Mite Society. I did the dishes. Went out sliding with the children at recess. Howard, Mama and I slid for about an hour. Went over to Gladys'. David slid down the hill with me.

[Pages with February 2-9 torn out – what secrets did they harbor???

2/10 [S] Snow, 8a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Got my breakfast and read a while in my book. We couldn't go over to Dorice's *[Pease farm]* because the weather is bad. I helped do the dishes. Read most all afternoon. Finished my book after I went to bed. Mrs. Keneson is over to Gladys' today. Stayed there overnight.

2/11 Partly cloudy, 8a. Got up about eight thirty. Did the dishes. Ma washed but it was to windy top put clothes out. We churned and baked bread. Papa has a hard cold. Helped get dinner. Mama went over to Gladys' a little while this afternoon. I embroidered a handkerchief for Evelyn this afternoon. Helped do the dishes tonight.

2/12 Partly cloudy, 2b. Got up about eight thirty and helped do the work. Mama is making over a waist for herself. Helped get dinner and did the dishes. Mama helped me clean off top of kitchen cupboard. We started to make my black middy this afternoon. Got quite a little done. Helped get supper and do dishes.

2/13 Partly cloudy, 5 b. Got up same time as usual. I did the work and Ma cut me out a pair of bloomers and a new waist for herself. We did the ironing. I got most of dinner. Got my bloomers all done this afternoon. Helped to do dishes and then went over to Gladys'. She is going to village with David in morning. Went to bed about nine.

12/14 Fair, 1b. Got up at six and took care of Ray. David and Gladys started at seven. Did the dishes. They came back about eleven thirty. I got dinner started and then came home. Helped Mama with the

dishes. Some dishes came from Sears but not the ones I wanted. Didn't do much this afternoon. My nose is beginning to run again.

12/15 Fair, 2a. Got up at nine and laid on couch. Got some cold today. Mama did up dishes and I wrote letter and we sent them back. Herbert brought Louise down about 11. Mrs. Perkins came today. I feel some better this afternoon. I read some. Dorice went home tonight. I went to bed about eight thirty.

2/16 Fair, 0. I got up about eight thirty. Mama went over to Gladys' this morning. Papa churned most all the forenoon but the butter wouldn't gather. I did the dishes and Mama worked on it until it gathered. I didn't do very much this afternoon. I feel pretty good. Mama turned two sheets. Our United States map came today.

2/17 [S] Little cloudy, 0. Got up about nine thirty and took a bath. Got my breakfast and then read a while. Helped do the dishes. Gladys and Ray were over a little while in afternoon. We saw two foxes cross Uncle E's field. Mama went home with Gladys. Glenn brought Dorice over tonight. I made some chocolate and peanut butter fudge.

2/18 Fair, 1b. Got up about eight thirty and did the dishes. Helped get the dinner and do the dishes. Mama mopped the kitchen floor before dinner. Mama rested a while and I worked on my middy.

2/19 Partly cloudy, 4b. Papa helped me crack butternuts for ice cream. Mama and I got it all ready to freeze before dinner. David is cutting wood this pm. Mama and I froze ice cream. Carried my dishes upstairs. Papa made me a cupboard to put them in. Worked on my middy. We had all the ice cream we could eat for supper.

2/20 Wind, snow, 10a. Got up at nine and swept my room. Had breakfast and then laid on couch all the forenoon. Had hard time after dinner. Had a card from Walter. David was over a while this afternoon. Stayed on couch all afternoon and read most of time. It has snowed hard and the wind has blown like the dickens most all day.

2/21 Partly cloudy, 10a. Got up about nine. Didn't feel like doing much this forenoon. We had boiled dinner. Leon partly broke out the roads. Mama cut out Gladys' blouse today. Mr. Lange came as far as Lizzie's and Maurice brought mail down here. Bailey was up with Osborne's team this afternoon. Dorice went home on her snow shoes. *[From David Tatham, 7/10/23: remember Mom talking about an Aunt Lizzie. This is from my grandfather's story he wrote about growing up. "My sister, Lizzie, was eighteen years older than I and was married not long after I was born. Her first son, Freeman (Wright), was just 18 months younger than I. They lived in the house now known as the Latty house, then as the Francis Herris place, which was the next place to the north from the house where I was born, so we were together a lot."*

Where he was born was up the hill toward Piermont from the church. He showed me once, but I couldn't say where it was now. I'm suspecting "Herris" is really Harris. My grandfathers spelling was not good (I think I inherited that.). Person who typed up his handwritten story corrected a lot of it but perhaps missed this one?]

2/22 Partly cloudy, 6a. Got up at nine this morning. Gladys was over a few minutes this morning to try on her blouse. Mr. Lange didn't come as it is a holiday. Mike and Sid Crane were up with four horses breaking roads. Papa is making a wooden handle for table knife. David is chopping today. I made some doughnuts about four.

2/23 Fair, 0. Got up about eight thirty. Helped do the work and get dinner. Pa churned all the forenoon again. I did the dishes and Ma made the butter gather after dinner. We did some sweeping. Ma had a nap and I went over to Gladys' a while this afternoon. Mr. Lange came alright today. Put snaps on my middy.

2/24 [S] Fair, 2b. Got up about nine and took part of a bath. Got my breakfast and read a while. Wore my new middy today. Went over to Gladys' after dinner. David read a while and then we all went to bed

[Huh? Sounds kinda kinky!] I came home about six. Ate some luncheon and then wrote a long letter to Ida. Went to bed about nine thirty.

2/25 7a. Got up about eight thirty. Did the dishes and Mama washed. Helped get dinner. Turned grindstone for David after dinner. Got a new recipe book and made a sponge cake from it. Lizzie brought down the soap. Sent card to Walter. David was in here a few minutes tonight. My cake was good. Went over to Gladys' to stay. She and Ma are going to Plymouth in am.

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3/1 Fair, 14a. Helped with the work. We made doughnuts and churned this morning. Mama cut out her black satin waist. David was over a little while this noon. He and I went down to the barn to see Billy. Mr. Kipling came today. I mended some on my dress this afternoon. Ma and I cleaned the lamps.

[From Steve Rand, 7/12/23: "The name Lionel Kipling is coming into my head, and I think Mrs. Kipling was a friend of Wilhelmina's, perhaps a German lady? I remember visiting them in Warren when I was a kid in the 50s. Very nice people, old to me at that time."]

3/2 [S] Fair, 4a. Got up and dressed at 10. Mr. Kipling was here a while. Took a bath after he went. Helped do dishes and then took David's snowshoes and went up to Flat Rock and down across Kip's pasture. [Kipling?] Was gone about an hour. Ma was over to Gladys'. Lizzie was down after milk. I came home about dark. Wrote long letter to Hit and one to Flora. [From David Tatham, 7/10/23: Don't know of a Flat Rock. I'm thinking it must be a flat rock of some size (for it to be named Flat Rock) up in the woods or maybe even in the field behind their house. Maybe out by the cliffs that look over Lower Baker and the Orford Road. It's a surprisingly short distance southwest from their house to the cliffs. Went out there once with Gary Randell when they were living in the old schoolhouse. But it could be anywhere else around there.]

3/3 Fair, 16a., Got up about eight and helped do the work. Mama is washing. Freeman is getting hay over to Aunt Susan's place. [Susan Howard, wife of Leonard. This is where Gladys and David lived, I thought.] Mama went down to the barn and let Billy out. David was over this morning and cut a little wood. I helped with the dishes. David was over again in pm. We started Connie Morgan tonight. [Likely a book about a boy in the Alaskan gold rush.]

3/4 16a. Got up about eight thirty. Mama went over to Gladys' at nine to take care of Ray so Gladys and David can go to the village. I got a card from Walter today. I got dinner and did dishes. Mama and I made aprons for myself and Gladys this afternoon. George stopped here for a minute. I made Jiffy-Jell today. Dorice and I went over to Gladys' in evening. We read in our book tonight.

3/5 Rain, sleet, 28a. Got up about eight thirty. I fixed apples to bake. Ma made two apple pies and one we had whipped cream on for dinner. Helped with the dishes and then Mama helped me cut out my blue and white jumper. I worked quite a little on it. David is cutting wood this afternoon. Finished our book tonight.

3/6 Cloudy, 31a. Got up at nine. Ma went over to Gladys' and brought Ray back. We baked bread. Dorice doesn't seem like herself. She feels bad about George. Helped with the work. I worked on my middy some this forenoon and this afternoon. David is chopping this p. Mrs. Kip came to Brown's today. I finished my jumper today.

3/7 Foggy, 30a. Got up about eight and helped with the work. Louise and Bill stopped here a few minutes. Helped get dinner. We churned today. Cut out jumper pattern this afternoon. Made some doughnuts for Gladys. Cut out may grey flannel jumper just before supper.

3/8 20a. Got up about eight. Ma made some pies and I made a lemon one. David came over about nine. He took care of Billy. He chopped the rest of the time. Mama swept Aunt Susan's room. [First mention of Aunt Susan but I think she had been living with Grammy and Grampa Howard since not long

after Uncle Len died in 1912. She didn't die until 1928.] I got dinner. David came over and chopped a while. Was in here quite a little while. Ma cut his hair. I finished jumper, all but pockets.

3/9 [S] Partly cloudy, 38a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Read a while before dinner. Helped do the dishes and then Mama and I went up to Flat Rock on snowshoes. She came home and I went down across. Mrs. Kipling was over to Gladys' a while this afternoon. They stopped here a minute. I came home about dark. Wrote letter to Crystal tonight.

3/10 Cloudy, 26a. Got up about eight. Had my breakfast, did the dishes and helped with the other work. Mama washed today. Helped Mama get the dinner and do the dishes. David and I slid down across field on crust this morning and rode back with Dorice and her father. I didn't do very much this afternoon.

3/11 Cloudy, snow, 31a. Got up about seven thirty, did the dishes and most of the ironing. Ma and Pa have gone to Town Meeting with David. Went over to Gladys' a few minutes this am. Made a cocoa cake and got dinner. Did the chores and went over to Gladys. Did dishes and frosted my cake. Ma and Pa gopt home about five. Read in our book.

3/12 Cloudy, wind, 28a. Got up about eight. Ma went over to Gladys. David and I slid across middle field once. Howard got out on wire. David went up and got Lizzie and he and I slid across fields twice. It went dandy. Got letter from Postmaster in Calif. today [Perhaps about an address for Frank?] Went over and helped Gladys this afternoon. Did dishes and helped her with pies. Came home at five.

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3/17 Cloudy, 16a. Got up a little before eight. Don't feel like doing a whole lot. Mama baked bread and made doughnuts this forenoon. Read in other Connie Morgan book this forenoon, finished it this afternoon. Laid on couch most of afternoon. Mama is mending and crocheting on her butterfly.

3/18 Partly cloudy, 21a. Mama and Papa went over to Gladys' this morning. I got up about nine. Helped do dishes. Hemmed my pillowcases and stamped an H on them. David cut wood this afternoon. Mama helped me make the new curtains for the desk. I finished them after supper and put them up. Went to bed about nine.

3/19 Partly cloudy, 20a. Got up about eight and did the dishes. Mama did the washing today. Helped get dinner. Didn't do much this afternoon. Went up in the woods about four on Dorice's snowshoes. Watched David chop a little. Went over to Gladys when I came back. Helped do the dishes. I made one letter on my pillowcases today [*embroidering the letter H, I bet.*]

3/20 Fair, 25a. Got up at eight and did the dishes. Gave the sitting room a good sweeping. David brought Ray over about nine thirty. He had a nap before dinner. Helped do dishes. Mama worked on Ray's red pants and I fixed my garters. It took me most all the afternoon. David took Ray home about five. I worked on my pillowcases some.

3/21 Fair, 26a. Got up about eight thirty. Made out an order for some records. Mama has gone up to the Mite Society. The Brown's and Mrs. Kip came. I got dinner and did the dishes. I went up to church a little while this afternoon. I tried to call Bertha and broke the telephone crank. David took it apart. Made out an order for McQuesten tonight.

3/22 Fair, 30a. Got up about eight. Mama made apple, custard and prune pies, tarts and I made some Dirveys. Papa put two buckets on the big maple today. Helped get dinner. Mama went over to Gladys after dinner and Papa is sawing wood. I went up to schoolhouse a few minutes and then tried my skis a few times. Went pretty good.

3/23 [S] Real spring day, 26a. Got up about nine thirty and took a bath. Wrote in my diary. We had dinner about two thirty. Mama went over to Gladys' a while this morning. I went over after dinner, came back with them. They left about six. David played the phonograph a while. I started a continued story tonight.

3/24 Cloudy, 23a. Got up about eight and did the dishes. Sent a card to Walter today. Mama washed today. Washed my brown dress. David had a letter from Earl. August King came up with road machine and six horses this pm. I pressed my dress. Went over to Gladys' a little while. Ironed a little tonight and got it all done. Read a while this evening.

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4/2 Snow, wind, 24a. Got up about nine. It is snowing and blowing hard. Dorice didn't go to school today. Dorice and Ma are putting Mite Society quilt together. David was over a little while this morning, he fixed my clock. Dorice and I did dishes this noon. Mama laid down a little while. I worked on the petticoat I am embroidering.

4/3 Fair, 24a. Got up at eight thirty. Did the dishes. Ma and Pa started for village with sled about nine thirty. Brushed up sitting room and got dinner. They got home about twelve thirty. Went over to Gladys' about one. Came home about three. Mr. Kipling brought up Mrs. Kipling this afternoon. He brought home his new horse. We played new records. Dorice is going to sleep with me tonight.

4/4 Fair, 30a. Got up about seven. Went over to Gladys' to get some milk. Mrs. Kipling is sewing on quilt. Ma made a rice pudding for the Mite Society. David, G, Ray and Mrs. K came over to dinner. Mrs. Brown and kiddies and Oscar and Gladys came. Mrs. Kipling and I did the dishes. Glenn came over after Dorice. Went to bed about nine.

4/5 Mostly fair, 38a. Got up about eight thirty. Went over to Gladys' a little while. Mrs. Kip did dishes and I fixed apples for pies. We churned today. Helped get dinner. I made a cream cake after dinner. Selectmen were here in pm. Mrs. Kip and I went over to Gladys' about two. We took three pictures of Ray alone. I helped Gladys a while. Stayed to supper, came home at nine.

4/6 [S] Cloudy, snow, 32a. Got up about eight thirty and took a bath. Went over to Gladys' a few minutes about one. Mr. Kipling came back with me to dinner. I made a little chocolate fudge this afternoon. Ernestine was over to Gladys' a little while this afternoon. She is staying at Jennie's. Mr. Kipling went back about dark. I read a while in evening.

4/7 Rain, 36a. Got up about eight thirty. Mr. Kipling was here a little while. Glenn brought Dorice over so Mrs. Kipling rode down with him. Mama washed today. Got a letter from Walter today. I helped with the dinner and doing dishes. Mama laid down a little while. I embroidered on my pin cushion. Went to bed about nine.

4/8 Snow, 28a. Got up about eight. Helped do the ironing. Uncle Elbridge has gone to conference this morning. Wrote a long letter to Flora this morning. I asked her about writing to Walter. *[Flora is Ma's cousin, married to Walter Bauer but perhaps not yet or not with him in Panama. Must be Ma wants to be sure it is OK that her writes to him in Panama. OK'ed on 4/10]* Gladys and Ray were over a little while this afternoon. We had a little sugar on snow. I helped get supper and do the dishes.

4/9 Partly cloudy, 33a. I got up about nine. Mama put her clothes out and got them dry. Helped Ma do dishes and then went over to Gladys. She is washing today. I made a large lot of ginger cookies this afternoon. Helped take care of Ray. Gladys mopped kitchen floor. I helped get supper. David didn't get home till late. Came home about eight.

4/10 Fair, 36a. I got up about eight thirty, helped with the work. We made a few sugar cakes. We ironed some. Mama is cutting out quilt pieces. I had a short letter from Flora today. She wants me to write to Walter. I sat out to the south door a little while, it was so warm. Helped with the dishes. I wrote a letter to Walter before I went to bed.

4/11 Partly cloudy, 30 a. Got up about eight thirty. David stopped a few minutes this morning, is going up to help Freeman. Pa went over and met Gladys this forenoon. Helped get dinner. Ma and Gladys cut out Ray's brown rompers while I helped take care of him. Eleanor was here a little while this afternoon. I sent Walter's letter today.

4/12 Cloudy, 28a. Got up about eight thirty, did the dishes. Mama did some cooking. I fried doughnuts. David was over a while this forenoon. The phonograph is all right. Mama mopped kitchen floor. I helped do dishes and then laid down on couch. Mama laid down a while. I feel fine this time. Went to bed about eight thirty.

4/13 [S] Partly cloudy, 36a. Got up about nine thirty. Had my breakfast and then laid down on the couch and read. Mama went over to Gladys'. We had dinner about three. I read some this afternoon and wrote in my diary. Mama went outdoors a while this afternoon. I played the phonograph a while. Went to bed about nine.

4/14 Partly cloudy, 42a. Got up about eight thirty. Glenn brought Dorice over about nine. She is going home tonight as her mother is sick. I finished embroidering my pin cushion and cut it out. I made the cushion and filled it. Helped get supper and do the dishes. Mama laid out a strip for my quilt tonight. Went to bed about nine.

4/15 Cloudy, 29a. Got up about eight thirty, did the dishes. Mama went over to Gladys' this morning. She cut out a few pieces for me. Uncle Elbridge came back today. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Ironed out two of Ray's rompers before supper. Wiped the dishes and then went over to David's. He got the pictures. I came home about eight.

4/16 Fair, 20a. Got up about eight thirty. Mama did the work then she went over to Gladys'. I got the dinner and did dishes. Mama came home at noon as she has broken her glasses. She wore her other glasses back. I swept the kitchen and sitting room and then worked on quilt. David is helping Freeman this afternoon.

4/17 Mostly fair, 27a. Got up about eight thirty, helped with the work. We baked some apples today. Chopped some ice on the front door rock and a little at south door. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Didn't do much this afternoon. Leon had quite a fire over at his place just about dark. Worked some on my quilt. *[I have an old quilt that I think Ma made as a girl – perhaps this one!]*

4/18 Cloudy, rain, 40a. Got up about eight, did the dishes. Bertha and Mrs. Gale and Mrs. Kip came about nine. We made some dandy white sugar cookies this morning. Mama went up to church about ten. I got dinner. Papa has got a sick headache. Bertha and I went over to Gladys' after dinner. Dewey went down with first logs [perhaps from their place.] Sewed some strips on my quilt tonight.

4/19 Cloudy, 32a. Got up about nine. We churned this morning and Mama made some pies. I helped with dishes, swept kitchen and swept and washed downstairs. Went outdoors about three, went up to edge of the woods, played in the brook. Walked down with David from flat rock [likely where he is chopping timber.] I swept my room before supper, took a bath about nine.

4/20 [S] Fair, 31a. Got up about eight thirty and had breakfast. Went to church about eleven *[first mention of her going to church – did she not mention it other times as it was obvious they would go each Sunday or perhaps there was no minister in the winter.]* David, Gladys and Ray came. Got home about one. Went outdoors about three, found some Mayflowers most out. Maltie went with me *[Maltese colored cat – we got her one she called Maltie in the 90s.]* Went over to David's about four. Mr. and Mrs. Kip came about six. I came home about eight and went to bed as my head aches.

4/21 Fair, 32a. Got up about eight. I fried doughnuts and then ate breakfast. Mama did the washing. Glenn brought Dorice over this morning. Helped get dinner. I washed out my waist and my brown stockings. Cleaned out the shed a little. Gladys and Mrs. Kipling came over about four. I went home with her. Dewey came after more logs today. Made a sponge cake. Mrs. Kipling is here for a few days.

4/22 Snow, rain, 30a. Mrs. Kip and I got up about seven. It is raining and blowing hard so we can't start for Plymouth this morning. Helped do dishes. We were all ready to start at two but it began to rain so Papa didn't want to go. David brought over butter. I worked some on my quilt. Helped do supper dishes.

4/23 Partly cloudy, 34a. Got up about seven. Helped do dishes and then got ready. We started about nine thirty, got up to Julia's about noon. Went downstreet in the afternoon. We got home about five. Had supper and then went downstreet to the movies. We saw "St. Elmo." It was very good. [*From TCM: When St. Elmo Thornton finds his fiancée, Agnes, in the arms of his friend Murray Hammond, he shoots Hammond and sets out on a journey around the world, dedicated in his hatred of women. He returns home to find Edna, the blacksmith's daughter, living with his mother. Through Edna's influence Thornton is redeemed, and he marries her after he becomes a minister.*] We got home about ten. Couldn't see the Dr. as he was away.

4/24 Fair, 32a. Got up at 6:30, had my breakfast and then went down to the Dr.'s. Mrs. Chase fixed my throat and then I went up to school and found Florence. Saw Madeline Pease. Came home about eleven. Eva came up a little while after dinner. We went down street a little while. I went down to see Della. Saw the Dr. Madeline and I, Ma and Julia went down to Dr. ____.

4/25 Partly cloudy, 34a. Got up about eight. Ma and I went down street about nine thirty. Mr. Nichols gave me a rose. We got back about noon. Helped Julia do the dishes. We started for the train at one thirty. Papa met us at the station [*he must have gone home the first day and met them at the Wentworth station.*] We met Dorice going down to the mill. We got home about four. Got a letter from Walter. Mrs. Kipling and I went over to Gladys' after supper, came home about eight.

4/26 Fair, 32a. Got up about eight, helped with work. Uncle Elbridge is helping saw wood this forenoon. He and David had dinner here. Mr. Kip is helping this afternoon. Mrs. Kip and I went over to Gladys' after supper. We cut David's hair a little. I watched him shave. [*Don't know what the attraction was – Grampa had a big bushy mustache but must have shaved the rest.*] We came home about eight thirty and both took a bath.

4/27 [S] Fair, 42a. Got up about eight thirty and helped do the dishes. David has gone up to Earl's with Freeman today. Went to church. Mr. Kipling took Mrs. Kipling down to Brown's after dinner. Gladys and Ray came over this afternoon. I have started to read "St. Elmo." David got back about five. I read in my book this evening. Went to bed about nine.

4/28 Fair, 28a. [*Ma's 18th birthday.*] Got up about eight. Dorice brought over my coat from Ma and Pa. I like it. I made my birthday cake this morning. Frosted it after dinner and then went over to Gladys'. Helped her do some packing. David gave me a spanking across his knee. Had fun with Kip about cake. Came home to supper.

4/29/ Fair, 36a. Got up at eight. Went over to Gladys' about nine. We baked bread and David churned. I got dinner. I did dishes and David and Gladys went over to Uncle E's to work. I took Ray over a little while. I took care of Ray and got supper. They got the floors all mopped. I did the dishes and then came home about nine.

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5/12 Shower, 40a. Got up about seven thirty. Dorice and Glenn came about eight. Ma washed today but didn't put out but a few things. Went over to Gladys' this afternoon. David is tearing off plaster back of stove. Helped take care of Ray. He has cold. Brought him home with me. Gladys came over after supper to stay tonight.

5/13 Cloudy, showers, 53a. I got up about eight. Gladys slept with me and Ray slept in the Big basket. Ironed my jumper this forenoon. Ray is awful fussy. He had a nap before dinner. David was over this morning. I had a letter from Donald. Helped get dinner. Went over to David's after dinner. Rinsed out diapers and cleaned horseradish.

5/14 Thundershower, 44a. Got up about eight. Gladys and I took Ray down to see the cows. First time they have been out. Everett and Lizzie came about nine and Gladys went with them to see the Mrs. and Maurice. David was over a little while this forenoon and then came over to dinner. Had letter from Mrs. Neitz. Gladys came about five. David came over to stay tonight.

5/15 Mostly fair, 52a. I slept in Dorice's bed last night. She went to West Rumney to Grange. David came in just a minute. Got up at seven and saw him to. Gladys went over there about eleven. She got dinner there. We took care of Ray. David and Gladys came over after him about five. Helped get supper and do dishes. Went to bed about nine.

5/16 Fair, 47a. Got up about eight, did the dishes. My hat came today. It is awful pretty. Mama went to Mite Society. I made Dorice's mother's [*my Grammy Pease, 56 on the 17th*] birthday cake this forenoon. I got dinner and frosted the cake. I finished fixing my coat and then went up to the church. I walked down to mill with Dorice. I came up across where the fire was. [*Brown's mill?*]

5/17 Partly cloudy, 47a. David came over about and wanted to see me so I got up. Mama dug dandelions in garden. I got quite a few down back of barn [*I bet as at home, where the run-off from the manure pile made those dandelions grow!*] Mama's blouse and my pillow trimming came today. Went up a few minutes this forenoon and watched Freeman saw the school wood. Fixed a pair of pillowcases, stamped them. Papa is harrowing. Went over to David's this evening.

5/18 [S] Partly cloudy, rain, 47a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Mama took picture of me in new hat and coat. Mama and I went to church, didn't get home until late. Helped do dishes and then went over to Gladys'. Mr. Batchelder is putting in Kipling's pump today. I came home about dark. We had a good time looking over Dorice's geographic magazines that came yesterday.

5/19 Fair, 40a. Got up about eight. Glenn brought Dorice over this morn. Her mother was pleased with cake. Mama washed today. She has got a little more cold. I made some oatmeal cookies this afternoon. David brought over clothes to soak. Dorice went up into Abbot's fields and down to Webster place. We took three pictures. I drove up David's cows.

5/20 Partly cloudy, 39a. David came and brought Ray over about nine. Took pictures of Ray alone. Gladys came over in a few minutes. She is doing the washing here. Helped get dinner and did the dishes. Did some of Gladys' ironing. Ma went home with her. Dorice and I played ball. We went upstairs about dark and found Meitze's kittens, two tiger and one maltese.

5/21 Fair, 38a. Got up about eight and did the dishes. Mama made pies this forenoon. She went over to Gladys' a few minutes this forenoon. Mama fixed other pair of pillowcase and I basted and then stamped them. She got ready to go down to the village with Mrs. Kip and Mrs. Chase but Oscar [*likely Brown*] didn't come. I hemmed both pair of pillowcases.

5/22 Fair, 43a. Got up about eight thirty. Sent Dorice's and my filon[?] to Mrs. Robinson. I cleaned out under reservoir and swept the kitchen. Helped get dinner and did dishes. Ma and Pa went to the village. Dorice and I went over to Gladys' after supper. David gave me a ride in wheelbarrow over to Kip's. David fixed telephone. They came over with us and got Meitze [mother cat].

5/23 Fair, 38a. Got up about eight, had my breakfast. Mama worked in the garden. I planted my gladiola bulbs today. Fixed over my flower garden back of house and took away banking around the kitchen door. Mr. Kip and Pa are getting out manure today with Amos' horses and spreader. Went part way down with Dorice [*Friday night, Aunt Dorice would walk down to 25-A, where Dad or Grampa Pease would likely pick her up. Or maybe she hitchhiked.*]. Got some flowers up where fire was.

5/24 Showery, 48a. Got up about eight. Mama is cleaning the pantry. I did the dishes and helped get the dinner and do the dishes. Mama laid down a little while. Papa went over to help Mr. Kipling mark out his potato piece. I straightened out my trunk and put some pictures into my album [*I bet that is the one I have, with 'Theda Howard' on it!*] Ma and I churned about four.

5/25 [S] Fair, 40a. Got up about eight and took a bath. Got ready for church. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Went over thru Uncle E.'s pasture and down back of Aunt Susan's house and over to David's. [*I thought David bought Aunt Susan's house? Maybe a smaller one near there where she lived?*] He, Gladys, Ray and I went out for a walk. I came home about six, made some fudge. Glenn and Verna brought Dorice over about seven. We played the phonograph. They went about nine.

5/26 Cloudy, sprinkles, 40a. Got up about eight. Did the dishes, Mama did the washing. David was over a few minutes this morning. I helped get the dinner. Ma laid down and I did the dishes. I went up in pasture and got quite a bunch of mayflowers. I got a dandy bunch of blue violets in middle field. Helped do dishes.

5/27 Cloudy, windy, 47a. Got up about seven and went up in sugarplace and got flowers for Ma. She and Pa started for Warren a little before nine. *[I bet the flowers were for Ma's brothers Ray and Ernest, who are both buried in the Warren cemetery!]* The road machine is up here today. Henry Rollins had dinner here *[perhaps operating the road machine.]*

5/28 Cloudy, sprinkles, 50a. Got up about eight, did the dishes. Mama and I did the ironing this morning. We did some sweeping. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Mama and I started for village about one thirty. She tried on her dress. We waited and Ma saw the Dr. We got home about six. We had a box of strawberries for supper.

5/29 Mostly fair, 48a. Got up about eight. Had my breakfast and went over to Gladys' about nine thirty to help can dandelions. I moulded bread and then I helped Gladys clean. David came about eleven and he got dinner. He helped us put the dandelions into cans. We had nine and a half. I did dishes. I had supper and then I came back with Freeman about eight.

5/30 Partly cloudy, 43a. Got up at eight. David and Freeman have gone fishing today. Ma is feeling good. I did the dishes. Went up to the church a little while. Gladys came over about noon and left Ray here. I did the dishes. Mama went up to church a little while. Gladys and Pa dug out pansy bed. David came about five with 4 fish. Did the dishes.

5/31 Partly cloudy, 38a. Got up about eight thirty. Mama is feeling better today. I swept the sitting room and then mopped the most of it. I got my box of stationary from Mrs. Neitz and also a letter from Flora. Helped do dishes. Papa churned after dinner. I went down the road to get flowers. David, Gladys and Freeman went to Pike and left Ray here.

6/1 [S] Fair, 44a. Got up about nine thirty and took a bath. Saw a fox in front of barn today. I got a big bunch of violets down in field. Louise had dinner here. We fixed the flowers over to church. We had the meeting at two. Mr. Vance preached *[the minister who married Ma and Dad in 1928.]* David and Gladys left Ray here and I went with them to get Lady and calf. I came home about seven, read in my book

6/2 Fair, 50a. Got up just about seven. Glenn and Dorice came a little before eight. Did the dishes and helped Ma wash. Helped get dinner. I did dishes and then went out and dug greens. Dorice and I went up on the knoll and then we followed Dewey's *[logging]* road out onto Blueberry Hill. We got back about half past five. Helped get the supper and do the dishes.

6/3 Fair, showers, 48a. Got up about eight, helped do the dishes. Mama is washing some windows. Helped get the dinner and do dishes. Mama went to bed a while. Gladys came over about three and she and Ma planted pansies. I washed my hair. I milked Peggy a little. David came over about dark and he and Pa set two traps for fox.

6/4 Partly cloudy, 48a. Got up about eight. Mama and I did the ironing this forenoon. Helped get dinner. Mama went to bed and I went up the road after flowers. I went and got the cows and found a few mayflowers. David came over a little past seven. Freeman came at seven thirty and took Ma, Pa, Dorice and I down to the village to lecture. It was fine. Got home at 11:20.

6/5 Beautiful, 50a. We all got up about half past three as Aunt Susan fell down *[does sound as if Aunt Susan is living there.]* I woke up again about half past six and had to get up. I stayed in bed all day. The fox came out to the barn today. I got up and got dressed about five. Picked a few apple blossoms. I had supper, Dorice did dishes. I went to bed about eight.

6/6 Cloudy, 46a. I got up about eight thirty. Ma and Dorice went outdoors a while this morning. Baked bread. Helped get dinner. Mama rested a while and then started for village about two thirty. I

wrote in my diary. Mama got home about five. Helped get supper and do dishes. I feel pretty decent today.

6/7 Mostly fair, 60a. Got up about eight, did dishes. Mama is cleaner cellar. I made a Lemon Jelly cake this forenoon. Mr. Lange brought my watch. Made butter today, helped get dinner. Went over to Gladys' about one thirty. I mixed up some ginger cookies. David came a few minutes before I came home. I had Ray outdoors

6/8 [S] Fair, 51a. Got up about seven thirty. Ma and Mrs. Kip started for Brown's a little before eight. Are going to Quarterly Meeting at Orange. David stopped about nine when he came back from doing Freeman's chores. Got dinner about one. Went outdoors a little while. Took two pictures of Ray against crab tree. Ma got home about six thirty. Aunt Susan was dressed today.

6/9 Fair, 43a. Got up about eight and helped with work. Mama had a big washing today. Helped get dinner, did dishes and then I painted the outside of the kitchen door green. It took me two hours. Helped get the supper and do the dishes. Dorice and I went over to Gladys'. Took Ray outdoors. David moved his cows and horse.

6/10 Fair, 50a. Got up about eight thirty, helped with work. Cleaned shelf over sink. Mama is making herself a gray jumper. Went over to Gladys' after dinner. She is washing. I had Ray outdoors quite a little while. I hung out some clothes. Washed the dishes. Came home a little past four. Helped do the dishes.

6/11 Mostly fair, 44a. Got up about eight thirty. Had my breakfast and then painted the door over again and started on the window casing. I did a little of the ironing this forenoon. Went over to Gladys' this afternoon. She is washing. I took Ray outdoors and got some pretty apple blossoms before supper.

6/12 Partly cloudy, 52a. Got up about eight. Mrs. Kip was over after mail. I painted three sitting room window casings before dinner. Helped do dishes. Painted front door casing and two of Aunt Susan's window casings and part of another one. Went up to church and helped Mama put on quilt [*onto frame*] and get ready to tack. Dorice and I went over to David's, had a good time.

6/13 Cloudy, rain, 56a. Got up a little before eight. David was over a minute. Went up the road and got violets. Helped with work. Gladys came over about eleven and left Ray here. I got dinner. Mama has gone to Mite Society. We took Ray up to school and to hear the children's pieces. Mrs. Pease was here a little while. Gladys went home about five thirty.

6/14 Showers, 56a. Got up about eight thirty, helped do the dishes. We churned today. Helped get dinner and do the dishes. Ma went to bed a while. Papa helped me fix a barett. Cut off my coat and hemmed it over again. Ma is working on her jumper. I did the dishes and Ma went over to Gladys'. I got my coat all done.

6/15 [S] Fair, 50a. Got up about eight, took a bath. Went over to Gladys to see Ray have a bath in tub. Went to church. David and Gladys went up to Lizzie's after church and I went after Sunday School, to see the chickens hatch but they weren't coming out at all. We got home about six thirty. Ray had a good time.

6/16 Fair, 56a. Got up about eight, did the dishes. Mama is washing. Helped get the dinner and do the dishes. Mama went to bed for a while. Didn't do much this afternoon. Ma and I went over to Gladys' and Mrs. Kip's after supper. Took Ray out for a ride. David came back with us.

6/17 Fair, 46a. Got up about eight, did the work as Mama has a lame hip. Dr. Ladd was up here so had him come in. I got the dinner and did the dishes. Didn't do very much this afternoon. Dorice came over tonight with Harry, Bertha and Everett. They were here about an hour. I played the phonograph.

6/18 Partly cloudy, 66a. Got up about seven thirty and did the work. I got some rhubarb and Ma helped me make two rhubarb and one custard pies and then I made some white cookies. [*First mention of Ma making pies.*] I got most of the dinner. Mama helped me with the dishes. I rested most of the afternoon, got the supper. We are still taking Aunt Susan's meals to her. Ma is a lot better tonight.

6/19 Fair, 50a. Got up about seven thirty. Ma and Pa started for village about eight thirty. Mama has gone to Plymouth. I did the work. Papa got home about twelve. Got dinner and did the dishes. Washed out my corset cover and the waist that goes with it and ironed them. Worked on my white skirt. Got supper and did the dishes. Read a while.

6/20 Fair, hot, 59a. Got up about seven. Got breakfast and did dishes. Put out my rugs and Dorice's and swept Dorice's room. Went over to Gladys' before dinner. Got package from Ma. Got dinner. Swept rugs, did dishes, swept my room and straightened it out. Then made up Dorice's bed. The men are working on the road today. Washed out my white skirt and ironed it. Got supper.

6/21 Cloudy, shower, 60a. Had quite a hard thunder shower about six so I got up. Got breakfast and did the work. It rained most of the forenoon. Florence was here a little while. Got the dinner and did the dishes. Pa started after Ma about three. I got the cows. They came a seven. Mama got me a new waist and cloth for a kimono [*whoa – getting' pretty racy!*]

6/22 [S] Fair, 60a. Got up about eight and took a bath. We all went over to Mrs. Kipling's this forenoon. I went over to Gladys. David and I couldn't agree on anything so I didn't feel very good natured. Mrs. Kipling walked over with me. Sat out in swing chair and read a while. David has gone up to do Freeman's chores and is going to stay tonight.

6/23 Partly cloudy, 53a. Got up about eight. Mama is washing. Went over to Gladys' a few minutes this morning. Eleanor and Kenneth came about ten thirty as the bull had got loose. They stayed to dinner. Rev. and Mrs. Kimball of Hopkinton were here a little while. I painted some screens. Went down to see Mrs. Chase after supper. Came back about nine.

6/24 Fair, 66a. Got up about eight thirty. Mama baked bread and we canned rhubarb and pineapple. I painted the outside of the shed door before dinner. Went over and helped Mrs. Kip put her curtains on the frames. Took Ray out a little while. I went up to camp with Dewey and Marion after Arthur. He asked me to come up sometime.

6/25 Rain, 62a. Helped do the work. We did the ironing today. Pa is fixing Ray's highchair. We got dinner and did the dishes. Ma helped me and I got two underwaists almost done. David brought Ray over before supper and left him. Ma and I took him home. I took him over to see the calf.

6/26 Fair, 42a. Got up about eight, helped with work. I made Pa's cake and little one for Geraldine [*From Sheila Brown Hornocker, 7/17/23: "Yes, Aunt Gerry's birthday is the same as mine, 6/27."*]. Frosted the cakes and put on little candles. Helped do dishes. Ma and I went up to Lizzies and got some ice for ice cream. Gladys and Ray came over about three. Gave Ray part of a bath. David came over to supper. I went home with Gladys. [*Grampa was 65 today.*]

6/27 Fair, 65a. Got up about eight, helped with work. Mama is washing Aunt Susan's windows. She went to Mite Society. I got dinner and did dishes. I pulled a wheelbarrow of paintbrush in back of horse sheds. Helped get supper. Mama and I put up strings for ____ beans. I went strawberrying.

6/28 Partly cloudy, 47a. Got up a little before eight. Mama is cleaning Aunt Susan's room. I did the work and helped Ma some. I got most of the dinner. I sat outdoors and read a while. Pa and David are cultivating their potatoes this afternoon. I went over to Gladys' a little while and rode back with Pa. I went up and let out the cows.

6/29 [S] Showers, 60a. Got up about nine. Had my breakfast and then read a while. We all went to church. Mary and children came to church today. They are up to Lizzie's. Francis was here a few minutes. David and Gladys were here a while. They went home about six after the showers. I read a while before I went to bed.

6/30 Fair, 54a. Got up about eight and did the dishes. Mama washed and churned. Helped get the dinner. Ma rested in the afternoon. Papa mowed most of the dooryard before dinner. I went up and let the cows out [*I think she may be letting the cows out into the pasture after milking - they can eat grass*]

and also don't shit in the barn and have to be shoveled!;-)] and then got about a pint of strawberries. Helped Ma do dishes afterwards.

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7/5 Fair, 62a. I picked a few strawberries this morning. Went over to Gladys'. She and Ray came back with me. They washed their hair. Gladys and I did dishes. I have been doing a good deal of thinking today [about what, dammit?] I got strawberries enough so we canned over a pint. David stopped a minute.

7/6 [S] Fair, hot, 68a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Pa has gone with David and Freeman to look at hay. George, Katherine, Gertrude, Marion and Blanche were here to dinner. We all went to Church. David, Gladys and Ray were here quite a little while. Mrs. Kipling stopped a little while. I read most all evening, went to bed at nine.

7/7 Cloudy, showers, 62a. Got up about eight. Did the dishes and Mama washed. David worked on telephone line a while. He and Mama sheared Brownie before dinner. I made some biscuit. Helped do dishes. Ma went to bed. David stopped here a little while. Is going down to the mill to mow. Helped get supper and do dishes.

7/8 Showers, 68a. Mama baked bread and churned today. I helped do the ironing and get dinner. I got quite a few strawberries so we had some for supper. David is working down to the mill. Ma is cutting out pieces for our quilts. Ma and I went over to Mrs. Kip's and Gladys' after supper.

7/9 Showers, 66a. Got up about eight thirty, it was raining quite hard. Helped do the work. Mama and I started to clean the little pantry this forenoon. I started the dinner and helped do dishes. We finished it all but the cupboard. I cleaned up a little up the shed stairs. Mrs. Kip and McLean were over a few minutes.

7/10 Partly cloudy, 62a. Got up about eight. Did most of the work and Ma cleaned cupboard in little kitchen. Mama bought 20 quarts of strawberries of Williams. We had some for dinner. I cleaned some more up stairs. I hulled some strawberries and we canned three quarts. Gladys Brown came up tonight to practice. Evelyn and Uncle E. came.

7/11 Fair, 58a. Got up about seven. David and Gladys left Ray here about seven thirty. They have gone to Woodsville with Freeman. Churned. Ironed embroidered bedspread. Mite Society. Did work and took care of Ray. Ma don't feel very good natured tonight. We hulled rest of strawberries and canned them.

7/12 Fair, 68a. Got up about eight thirty, did dishes. Mama and I fixed up stuff and sprayed cranberry bushes and one apple tree. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Ma and I went to village about three. I helped Pa get his hay made first [likely raking it, perhaps with bull rake.] I got the "Covered Wagon." [I bet this is a book she has borrowed from the library.] We got home about six. Davis stopped a few minutes tonight. Has been working haying.

7/13 [S] Showers, 62a. Got up about eight thirty, took a bath. Had showers about all the forenoon. We all went to church. I went over to Gladys' after church. Talked with George a few minutes. Gladys took Ray out for a walk.

7/14 Mostly fair, 52a. Got up about eight thirty. Ma washed today, I did the work. We had our first Swiss chard greens. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Mama laid down awhile. David came over about three and he and Pa went down to the mill to spread out David's hay. Ma cut out some pieces and laid out a few strips for me.

7/15 Fair, 42a. Got up about eight thirty. We did the ironing. I pressed out quite a lot of pieces for quilt. Helped get dinner and do dishes. David and Freeman are getting the hay down to the mill. I painted the south window casings this afternoon. Papa is mowing over to Aunt S.

7/16 Mostly cloudy, 60a. Mama mopped the kitchen this morning. I did the work. Went over to Aunt Susan's to rake. Embroidered a while. Raked after load of hay. David fixed the rake. Ma went over to

Gladys' to supper. David, Gladys, Ray and I went over to hear Amos speak. Had a good time. Had hard thunder shower so didn't come home until twelve.

7/17 Showers, 52a. I woke up early and had to get up. Mama brought up my breakfast. I read most of the forenoon. Wrote items. Had my dinner in bed. Mama went to the village this afternoon. I got up about seven and dressed. Ma came about seven thirty. We had our concat here tonight. Six came.

7/18 Partly cloudy, 47a. Got up about nine, did a little work. Ma made ginger cookies. I helped do the dishes this noon. I didn't do very much this afternoon. Ma went over to Mrs. Kipling's and Gladys' after supper. She and David rode back with Freeman. David was here a little while. I went to bed about nine.

7/19 Fair, windy, 47a. Got up about eight thirty, did the dishes. Mama made a custard, prune and custard pies this forenoon. I went over to rake about eleven. Stopped to see Mrs. Kip. We got one load. I went over to Gladys and took care of Ray while she raked after [*raked after' means using the bull rake to rake the scattrin's after the hay is pitched onto the wagon. These are then pitched on as well.*] I raked after one load. We went to Mrs. Ellis' party, got home at twelve.

7/20 [S] Fair, 52a. I didn't get up till past nine. I had to clean up in Aunt Susan's room. I took part of a bath, went to church. Uncle E. didn't get Mr. Vance up here until most three. David took him home. Gladys and Ray stayed here. Charles was here a few minutes. Went home with Gladys. I went over with David to look at bureaus.

7/21 Fair, 56a. Got up about seven thirty. Went over to Mrs. Kip's and picked some peas. David is mowing above the house. Helped get dinner. I put elastic in my white bloomers. Sent a card to Dorice. I raked after two loads of hay. I cut the grass around the pansy bed. Got supper.

7/22 51a. Got up about eight, helped do the work. We had beet greens for dinner. David mowed side hill in lower field. We got in one load of hay back of house before dinner. We got in three loads of hay, two of them in lower field. We took calf over for David. Gave Ray a ride in rack [*probably hay rack.*]

7/23 Fair, 56a. Got up about eight thirty. We saw an aeroplane go over. Ma and Gretchen went for a walk. David finished mowing back of the house and mowed the orchard. I went up the road after strawberries. Ma and Gladys took Ray over to Mrs. Neitz. David was in house an hour. We got two loads of hay.

7/24 Partly cloudy, 55a. I got up about eight, helped with work. Ma canned three quarts of beet greens. We got in two loads of hay back of house before dinner. We got in two big loads of hay out of the orchard. David raked what was in lower field and we got that all in one big load. I did the dishes.

7/25 Cloudy, 54a. Got up about eight. It isn't good weather, so David isn't mowing. Ma went to Mite Society. I got dinner, made some milk gravy. I pulled some weeds out in the garden. Ma went to the village. I went up to the church and swept up. Mrs. Gale came down here to stay. I went over to Gladys' a little while.

7/26 Fair, windy, 42a. Got up about eight, helped do the work. Miss McLean came over after the mail. Helped get dinner. David, Gladys, Gretchen and I went out for boat ride [I bet this was on Lower Baker, especially with mention of Doughty's.] We got five fish, four kinds. We got roses at Doughty's. We got home at seven. Ma took card of Ray. I frosted Aunt Susan's cake [*she will be 95 on the 27th.*]

7/27 [S] Fair, 54a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Ma and Mrs. Gale went down to Mrs. Chase's. I went over to Gladys' a little while. Freeman got Mr. Vance today. George brought Sarah and Alice and two children over today. David and Gladys were here a while. Went home with them. Ma and Pa went over to G. with Freeman.

7/28 Fair, 52a. Mama went over to Mrs. Neitz with Freeman and Lizzie. Got up about eight. Ma washed. David mowed in lower field, middle field and back of barn. Helped with dinner. Pa has got a headache so David, I and Ma got in one load of hay. It slid off just as we got in barn [*I bet Ma was the one on the load when they were getting it. Seems easy but one has to move the hay around and tread it down.*] Pa helped with other load. I went about all over pasture after cows.

7/29 Partly cloudy, 61a. Helped do the work this morning. Ma made butter. We had our first string beans. We got in one load of hay back of barn before dinner. Papa is feeling better. It was so hot I went with as few clothes as possible. We got in three loads in lower field this afternoon. I took a bath.

7/30 Cloudy, shower, 75a. I got up about eight, helped with work. Mama made a blueberry pie. We got in one load before dinner. Uncle E. helped us a little while. We got in four loads after dinner. Gladys, David and Ray had supper here. We had a nice shower after supper. Charles was here a few minutes tonight.

7/31 Showers, 54a. Got up about six. Had breakfast and wrote items [*Second time she has mentioned 'wrote items' – do you suppose she was writing up news items for Grammy to send to paper?*] Went over to Gladys about seven thirty and took care of Ray so she could go to the village. I went and got string beans and fixed them for dinner. Ma is canning string beans. David, Gladys and I went fishing. David had a swim and Gladys and I waded [*so, likely at Lower Baker.*] We got seven fish.

8/1 Cloudy, 46a. I got up at eight. Charles was here a little while. I went up to pick raspberries for Lizzie. I got five quarts between nine and twelve [*must not have been many ripe ones, as Ma was a fast berry picker.*] David mowed the side hill in middle field and we got it in this afternoon. [*I doubt Grampa put any fertilizer except what manure he had from a few animals and didn't plow up the fields periodically for corn and then seed it down. So, the hay crops would usually be pretty sparse. Otherwise, it wouldn't dry so quickly.*] Miss Savage was up here this afternoon. I picked a few blueberries down in the middle field.

8/2 Fair, 46a. Got up about seven and had my breakfast, then went up to pick raspberries. I got six quarts. David is cutting his hay on Ellsworth Hill today. Ma, Pa and I got in three loads of hay this afternoon. The last. I started after the cows at six. Hunted an hour. They were as far off as possible [*need a couple of bells!*]

8/3 [S] Fair, 50a. Got up about nine and took a back. I didn't eat my breakfast till late. The Baptist minister from Bristol came up with Mr. Vance and preached today. Went over to Gladys' after church. George was there a little while. I went after the cows with David, Gladys and Ray. Came home about dark.

8/4 Showers, 56a. Got up about seven. Had my breakfast, then went up to pick raspberries, got six quarts. Lizzie had to go home at noon. It began to rain just as I got home. Didn't do very much this afternoon. David was over a few minutes about three.

8/5 Fair, hot, 56a. Got up about eight. We canned four and a half quarts of peas. Churned. I made 27 cupcakes for fare. I picked a red rose today. Chased Brown's cows out of oats. Frosted my cakes with red, white and chocolate. I went up in pasture and picked two quarts of blueberries. Did dishes. I put up beer [*gotta be root beer!*] that I made this afternoon. [*We used to make root beer from extract when I was a kid.*]

8/6 Cloudy, 60a. Got up at seven. Had my breakfast and then went up and began picking blueberries a little past eight. Howard and Lizzie picked. I got six quarts before dinner. I came home at twelve thirty. Eleanor picked a while. I got 12 ½ quarts in all. Got supper. Ma went to fare and Gladys stayed here. Charlie was here a little while.

8/7 Thunder shower, 86a. I got up about eight. Ma did the work and then went blueberrying. I got most of the dinner. Gladys brought Ray over about half past one and was going berrying but it began to thunder so she didn't go. We had a hard thunder shower. Ray was a little afraid. Helped do dishes.

8/8 Fair, 62a. Got up about six thirty and had my breakfast. Rode up with Freeman and Lizzie. The bushes were awful wet this morning. I got eight quarts of raspberries. Got home at one. My bedspread came today. I set out some pansies and tied up rose bushes. Rode over with David and took Ray over to see calf.

8/9 Thunder shower, 58a. Papa shot a small fox this morning. I rode up with David. Freeman carried Lizzie, Howard and I out in his car. Mrs. K. met David and I part way. I got nine quarts of raspberries this forenoon. Gladys and Ray came over this afternoon. Ma and Gladys went up blueberrying but rain drove them out.

8/10 [S] Fair, thunder shower, 60a. Got up about eight and took a bath. I picked some peas for Mrs. Neitz. Went over there with Freeman and Lizzie. Went to church. David and Gladys were here a while. We had quite a hard thunder shower, large hail stones. Gladys and I picked up half a tumbler full.

8/11 Mostly fair, 68a. Got up about seven thirty. Ma washed. I did the dishes. Pa went raspberrying and came home at noon with a sick headache. I went up about one and picked seven quarts of raspberries and two of blueberries. David picked blueberries. Helped Ma do dishes.

8/12 Rain, 56a. I had to get up about four. I got dressed about seven. I fixed beans for dinner. Freeman, David, Gladys, Ray, Ma and Pa started for Plymouth a little past eight. I got dinner on and then laid down. Hubbard came in his car about one thirty. I made some candy. They got back about six. I felt the best today that I have for a long time.

8/13 Fair, 59a. Got up about eight, helped do the work. We churned. I made some spice cakes. Hubbard is fixing a tire on his car. Sat in car a while and read. I rode over with David. He and I came back together. I helped get supper and do dishes. Finished frosting my cakes. Went to bed about nine.

8/14 Mostly fair, 60a. Got up about seven. Helped with work. We were going over to Mary's but the car wouldn't start and Dewey said it had got to be fixed. Gladys and Ray were here most all day. Charles came about three and began to work on the car. Ma made cookies. Ma and I went down to the village with the boys tonight. Went to bed about ten.

8/15 Fair, 50a. Got up about seven, helped with work. Mama baked bread and made green apple pie. I made out orders to Sears and Montgomery for quilt lining and curtains. Pa and the boys went to village after part. I got two quart of blueberries in field. Hib, Charles and I went down to Mrs. Chase's after supper. Ma went over to Kip's with us.

8/16 Fair, 49a. Got up about eight, helped with work. Ma went up in the pasture after berries. I got a letter from Flora. Went over to Mrs. Kip's a few minutes. I found Meitze [*mother cat*] dead beside the road. I went up in the field and got some blueberries this afternoon. Charles, Hib and I went to Mrs. K's to try out car. Went over to Mrs. Gale's tonight. Had trouble with car there so didn't get home till ten.

8/17 [S] Rain, cloudy, 61a. Got up about eight, had my breakfast. Hubbard let Charles work on car. We had dinner about one and then they started for Pike with both cars. Went to church. Got disgusted with Geraldine. Went over to David's after church. Charles brought Hib over with his things. He is going to stay there tonight. Came home about dark.

8/18 Mostly cloudy, 50a. I did the work and Ma washed. We had endive greens for dinner. Did the dishes. Ma went blueberrying. I made some peanut butter fudge. I helped Ma do the dishes and then I went over to Gladys'. I rode back with Freeman and Lizzie. David and Gladys have been married four years today.

8/19 Fair, 46a. Got up about seven and had my breakfast and then got ready to go to Plymouth with Gladys. We started about nine. David took us down [*likely to the depot.*] Gladys got her teeth [*yup, false teeth. Ma had at least one set by her early 30s.*] Went up to Julia's to dinner. Had my picture taken. Did our trading. Saw Mrs. Neitz in store. Pa met us. I most had a sick headache after I got home. Went to bed early [*too much excitement!*]

8/20 Rain, 58a. Didn't get up very early this morning. Ma baked bread today. She and I went up in the field and got seven quarts of blueberries this forenoon. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Ma went to bed. I read a while but didn't do much this afternoon. Helped with the dishes, went to bed about nine.

8/21 Fair, 54a. Got up about eight, did dishes. Freeman and David were here a few minutes. I got a quart of blueberries this forenoon. Helped with dishes. Ma and I went over to Mrs. Neitz. Donald, his

cousin and I went out in boat. Watched them play tennis. Donald talked to me. Didn't do any good. Mrs. Neitz gave me a dress. We got home about six. Got supper and did dishes.

8/22 Fair, 51a. Got up about eight. We did the ironing. We made beet thump for Mite Society. Anna and Mrs. Kip helped fix it. David's shingles came today from Bert's. I got dinner and did the dishes. I showed Anna my things to embroider. Papa cut his witchgrass piece this afternoon. Helped with supper.

8/23 Partly cloudy, 55a. Helped Ma can three quarts of string beans. Went over and got Gladys and Ray before dinner. Went up to pick berries for Lizzie at one. I got four quarts and then I started for the house. **Saw David and he said they were all gone. Got 8 ½ quarts, rode back with David.**

8/24 [S] Partly cloudy, 63a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Mr. Judd, his mother and Eva were here a little while at noon. Helped with dinner. We all went to church. Rev. Mr. Scott preached. Hugh, Mildred and the children were here about two hours. The baby is real good. I took a picture of Ray and Ralph and then one of the four children. David and Gladys went home about six.

8/25 Rain, 62a. Got up about eight. Ma did the washing but couldn't put it out. We churned today. helped with dinner and dishes. Ma went to bed. I read a while and then fooled around the rest of the time. Ma did some mending. We had quite a hard thunder shower this afternoon. Helped get supper.

8/26 Cloudy, 62a. We sent an order to Sears for Ma's shoes and my quilt lining. Helped get dinner. Ma and I went to the village. We met Julia and Noah and Clarence coming up here. We came up by John's. he gave me my dishes. Harry whinnied most half of the way home [*so, Grammy must drive horse and buggy.*] We got home about five. I went over to Kip's to meet Julia. She has been over to Aunt Susan's.

8/27 Fair, showers, 676a. Got up about seven thirty. Finished up an order for David. He and Freeman have gone over on Ellsworth Hill after hay. I went up and picked five and a half quarts of blueberries for Lizzie. Pa and Uncle E. and I got two loads of hay this afternoon. Clarence came over and got Julia and Noah about four thirty. I went up and got the cows.

8/28 Fair, 56a. Got up about seven. Went up and began picking about eight. I got six quarts. I met Hib at the flat rock with car. Uncle E. pulled him out. We had dinner and then got ready and all started for Mary's. Charles drove. We had to do a good deal of hunting before we found her. [*There was a Mary Howard, sister or sister-in-law of Grampa Howard, who lived in St. Johnsbury area. Maybe married to Francis Keneson, David's brother. Perhaps that is where they went. Smart to take their mechanic with them! Looks as if Ma is staying there a while.*] They left about five. I went with Mary, Francis and children in car after milk. Mrs. Aldrich is nice.

8/29 Fair, hot, 55a. Got up about half past seven. Iona slept with me last night. Helped Mary with the dishes. Played with the children. We ate our dinner in the shade in the yard. Mary washed the children's hair. We all went down after milk. Mary, the children and I went for a walk. I mailed Walter a letter. We got home about eight thirty.

8/30 Fair, 62a. Got up about eight. Helped Mary with dishes. She baked bread and pies and I made a cake. Mary had quite a little time with Agnes to make her mind. The children and I went to bed and had a nap. Carrie and I went down with Francis after milk. I have got some cold so had a cup of ginger, then went to bed.

8/31 [S] Fair, 64a. Felt fairly decent when I got up. I woke up early. Had to vomit some about six. Had some toast and cocoa before I got up. Got dressed and then laid on Mary's bed. Vomited again. Got my hair combed before Hib, Charles, Sarah and Mary Wright came about one. We started about four. Stopped at Pikes a little while. I laid down all the way from Pike. Eva and Dorice were here. David and Gladys were over. [*From David Tatham, 7/21/23: "Yes Francis was his older brother. At some point Francis moved to California. I had never met him until he came back for a visit, I think in the 1970s or possibly early 80s.*

Took this from the Howard Family Genealogy that Lucy Trembley did:

Children of Mary Howard and James Keneson are:

- 59 i. Carrie Ellen⁵ Keneson, born December 28, 1918 in Littleton, New Hampshire; died November 15, 1995 in Barton, Vermont Danville Green Cemetary, Danville, Vt..
- 60 ii. Iona Ester Keneson, born May 12, 1920 in Concord, Vermont; died March 21, 1990 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.
- 61 iii. Agnes Dorothy Keneson, born July 10, 1922 in Woodsville, New Hampshire; died September 26, 1991 in Barton, Vermont.
- 62 iv. Lois Evelyn Keneson, born July 09, 1925 in Fairlee, Vermont.
- 63 v. Noella Howard Loyer Keneson, born August 16, 1930. She married Reni Fournier.

Mary Esther Howard, was born November 21, 1892 in Chelsea, Vermont to Carrie Etta Day Howard and Rev. Henry Elbridge Howard.

9/1 Fair, hot, 73a. Got up about eight. Had a hard thunder shower between one and two last night when Charles and the girls got home. They took Hib to Plymouth last nigh "To Late." Eva and I went down to see Peggy's calf. Ma and Eva laid down after dinner. I read a while and then picked some pansies. I feel pretty good today. Davis was over a minute tonight.

9/2 Shower, 60a. Got up about eight. Eva went down to the mill to meet Clarence. Mama did the washing today. I feel pretty good today. We made some jelly. I went over to Gladys this afternoon to see Lizzie paper. I dug off some of the old paper. I took care of Ray when he woke up. I rode back with Freeman when he came after Lizzie. Helped do dishes.

9/3 Fair, 52a. Got up about eight. Ma went to the village this forenoon. I went down in the field and got corn for dinner. I got dinner started. Ma and Mrs. Kip cleaned up the church ready for the Quarterly Meeting. I went blackberrying down to the sawdust pile and in lower field and got about five quarts of dandy ones. Helped with dishes.,

9/4 Fair, 44a. I helped do the work this morning. Mama made blackberry and apple pies. We made some more jelly. I did most of the ironing this afternoon. Mama swept Aunt Susan's room. I helped with dinner. I helped Papa get in one load of oats this afternoon. I helped get supper and do the dishes.

9/5 Cloudy, rain 48a. I helped with the work and made some sponge cupcakes and two fruitcakes this forenoon. I helped Pa get in one load of oats this forenoon, then we got in two loads this afternoon. The horses acted like the dickens. Edward Dowse stopped here a few minutes. My head ached and I had to lie down a little while. I frosted my cakes. Helped with dishes.

9/6 Fair, 42a. Got up about seven, did dishes, changed tablecloth. We are cooking boiled dinner for Quarterly Meeting. Churned. Swept kitchen and living room and dusted. Charles was here for dinner. Pa went to Pike with him in pm. Made beds. Walter and Flora came little past four. Was glad to see them. Walter brought me a lot of silk floss. Mama went to church tonight. Pa and I had a good visit with Flora and Walter. Mrs. Gale stayed here tonight.

9/7 [S] Fair, 42a. Got up at seven, helped with work. Walter and I took some things up to church. Pa, Flora, Walter and I went this morning. I waited on table. Mary and Francis came over today. Gladys and Flora didn't go. David, Walter and I sat together this afternoon. We went up there for supper. David and I went over to Amos's with Charles. We all went tonight. Walter and I went up and got some things afterwards.

9/8 Partly cloudy, 40a. Got up about seven. Mrs. Gale went back with Glenn. Walter is fussing with the car. I went down in the field and got some corn. Helped with the dinner and dishes. Ma, Flora, Walter and I went down to the village and over to Mrs. Baer's. I rode with Walter. We went in the library. Helped get supper. Walter and I cracked butternuts and I made fudge. Walter hid the walnuts.

9/9 Rain, 53a. Got up about eight. I vomited when I got up and once later. Ma don't feel very good. Walter is working on the separator. Henry brought us up some fish. Flora got dinner. I laid down a while.

Walter didn't want me to pick up dishes but I did and helped Flora do them. Walter asked me about his letter. I watched Walter shave. I feel pretty good tonight. Walter put the car in after supper.

9/10 Rain, cloudy, 54a. Got up about seven thirty, helped with work. David, Gladys and Ray came about nine thirty. I had a letter from Wilfred in with Flora's. I made French rolls for supper. Walter and I had quite a time fooling all the afternoon. David brought Ray over here at six thirty and he, I, Gladys, Pa and Freeman went to Warren to see "Covered Wagon." It was great. [[Highly Entertaining and Influential Western](#)]

[Michael Elliott](#) 28 May 2018 *The Covered Wagon (1923)* *** (out of 4)

Highly entertaining and influential Western about a large wagon train that starts off in the Midwest and plans to head out West and up into Oregon. Along the way there are various internal battles as well as dangerous issues with Indians as well as other problems with their journey.

One could watch THE COVERED WAGON today and say that it doesn't have anything original to it but they would be missing the point. This was a very original movie when it was originally released and it has been copied so many times since 1923 that some people might forget or just overlook the fact that the rules were formed here for all future Westerns. There are certainly some flaws in the film but at the same time there's no question that this is a highly entertaining movie and one that works on many levels.

As I said, the film is basically about this large wagon train heading out West and we see the various problems that happen on the journey. This includes a love triangle between the three main characters. You've got the good guy Will (J. Warren Kerrigan), the bad guy Sam (Alan Hale) and then there's Molly (Lois Wilson) who both want. This leads to some very fun scenes including an extended fight sequence that was perfectly directed by James Cruze. You've also got some other great action including a river crossing, a buffalo hunt and a sequence where the wagons are attacked by Indians.

There are some flaws with the film including Kerrigan not being that strong as the lead. I thought he gave a fine performance and I thought he was good to watch but at the same time I think the film would have benefited from a stronger lead. Hale was wonderful as the villain and Wilson was cute enough for what she was asked to do. The film featured some very good cinematography and I'd also argue that the editing itself was good. The locations were great and while the story itself wasn't the strongest, it was at least good enough to hold your attention throughout.

THE COVERED WAGON is certainly a landmark Western and one that influenced everything that was to follow. The movie isn't perfect but it's about as entertaining as you can get.]

Saw Ernestine. We got home at eleven. Pa is going to White River Fare with David tomorrow. [Ma was a good speller but always wrote 'Fare' for 'Fair.']

9/11 Mostly fair, 40a. Got up about seven thirty, saw David and Pa go. I got some Astricans for Flora and Walter to take. Ma, Flora, Walter and I picked some crabapples. I took two pictures. I went as far as Gladys' with them. My proofs came today. Helped with dinner. I got the cows in tonight. David and Pa came about seven thirty. Pa had an awful good time.

9/12 Partly cloudy, 42a. Got up about eight thirty. Helped do the ironing. We churned. We canned three quarts of Astrican apples and one quart of blackberries. Louise came down but didn't have any Mite Society so she had dinner here. She and Mrs. Kip cleaned up the church. I went blackberrying down to sawdust pile and in lower field. Got about two and one half quarts.

9/13 Showers, 56a. Helped with the work. Ma and I canned three quarts of apple. I baked bread. Ma mopped the kitchen. I did a little sweeping. Helped get dinner and do the dishes. Didn't do very much

this afternoon. I saw David a few minutes. Ma's cold is lots better but she has some cough yet. I helped get supper and do the dishes.

9/14 [S] Partly cloudy, 51a. Got up about nine and took a bath. I read some this forenoon. We had dinner and I went over to Gladys' about one. She went after Mr. Vance, so I got Ray ready for church. Ma took Mr. Vance home. I walked over with Mrs. Kip and went over to David's. We talked about Gladys going to Maine. I came home about seven. I decided what proofs I was going to send back.

9/15 Fair, 46a. Got up at half past seven. Put up lunch for Uncle E. to take over to Newbury. We did big washing. Canned three quarts of corn. I went blackberrying at Uncle E's, got five quarts. Dorice and I went over with the girls to see Maywood and baby. *[Aunt Dorice must be teaching on Atwell Hill again this fall.]* Stopped to see Gladys a minute. David was over a few minutes tonight. He told me where to get blackberries.

9/16 Cloudy, 49a. Mama made two blackberry pies this morning. We ironed. David was here a few minutes. I went blackberrying up in Mr. Chase's pasture. Got about two quarts. Went over to Gladys' this afternoon. Took care of Ray so she could clean over there. Did the dishes. I took Ray over there a little while after her had his nap. I stayed to supper, came home about nine.

9/17 Mostly fair, 46a. Got up about eight, went over to Gladys' about nine thirty. Took care of Ray and got dinner. Took Ray over to see bonfires about three. Arthur came over. Ma and Dorice came over tonight. I went over and helped David get my bureau.

9/18 Mostly fair, 48a. Got up about eight. Ma went to Plymouth this forenoon. Pa got home about noon. I got dinner and did dishes. I gave my bureau a good scrubbing this afternoon. Pa helped me take it upstairs after supper. Dorice and I did dishes. We had a great time catching millers in the little kitchen. I made bread tonight. Went to bed about nine.

9/19 Fair, 50a. I got up at six thirty, got breakfast. Molded my bread. Mite Society today. I finished baking the beans. Uncle Elbridge brought Ray over just before dinner. Mary and Francis were here a few minutes before dinner. Stayed at Uncle E's last night. David and Gladys went up to Freeman's about eight. They got Ray when they came back.

9/20 Fair, 40a. Got up about six thirty, made milk toast for breakfast. Did the work. David and Freeman brought Ray over about one. I washed his jacket and hat while he had his nap. Ma and Pa came about four. Ma got me a sweater. After supper Ma and I took Ray home. Stopped at Mrs. Kip's a few minutes. We came home about eight.

9/21 [S] Fair, 46a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Wore my new sweater today. Ma went after Mr. Vance. I got dinner. We all went to church. David, Gladys and Ray were here a little while after church. We went out to the garden. Mary, Francis and children came over to Uncle E's tonight. Going to stay a while.

9/22 Rainy, 48a. Ma did the washing. I went down in pasture below the lower field and got about five quarts of blackberries. Helped do the dishes. I went over to Gladys' after dinner to help her. Ray didn't feel good so I went over and helped David clean. I cleaned the kitchen.

9/23 Cloudy, 48a. Got up about eight. Went over to Gladys' about nine. Helped her do some of the packing. Freeman is moving them. Mary helped us get dinner. Mary and I did dishes. Eleanor came over this afternoon. Gladys, Eleanor and I carried over quite a few things. Helped Gladys get supper. I came over with David when he came after Ray.

9/24 Fair, 40a. Didn't get up till most nine. Went over to Gladys' about ten. I got most of dinner. I swept kitchen, sitting room, hall and my bedroom and made up my bed. David helped Leon this afternoon. Gladys don't feel very good. She went to bed early. I got Ray ready for bed and then I came home about eight thirty. *[From David Tatham, 7/23/23: "In his writing "Events from My Life from 1914 On" My Grandfather said he, with his father and mother, moved in 1914 (from Peacham VT) to farm his mother owned in Wentworth before they had moved to VT. Interesting that his mother owned the farm,*

not his father. Perhaps she inherited it? Apparently his father spent some time in Wentworth and some back in VT. Don't know what kind of relationship father and mother had? He says he lived with his mother on the old place for 8 years so that would be 1920.

" In 1914 our neighbors on the hill were George Howard, Tilden Wright, Amos Chase and Henry Chase families. The Howards had five children Ernest, Frank, Ray, Gladys .and Theda. Ernest was drowned Ray died of pneumonia and Frank was working away from home beforel came to Wentworth.

Gladys was sixteen years old September 7th 1916, they had a little party on her birthday to which I was invited and her Aunt Susan got up some kind of a game where I was to kiss Gladys. Soon after that Gladys asked me to go for a walk with her and Theda in the woods and pasture to see a spring, a ledge, a boulder and other interesting places she knew of, on Sunday afternoons, snow shoeing and sliding in the winter. As time went on we naturally grew fond of each other and became engaged in 1918 and were married Aug. 18, 1920."

After describing the wedding and honeymoon trip he goes on to tell where they lived. "We lived with Mother until May 1922 We moved to Elbridge Howard house and in September we moved to Kipling farm, I rented Kipling farm 1 112 years, I had 1 horse 1 cow that I bought while living with Mother, and Gladys had a cow that her father gave her when we were married. I bought 4 cows, a cream separator and 2 - 20 qt. cream cans from Linol Kipling for \$200.00. Ray was born while we lived on the Kipling farm Nov. 1, 1922 he was born at a Mrs. Smith house in Plymouth, Mrs. Smith run a maternity home at her home. We moved from Kipling's to Elbridge's house spring 1924. I sold 4 of the cows as I had no place to keep them all. September 1924 we moved to the Lenard Howard place. We rented the house for two years, and bought the furniture that was in the house. I bought the place in 1926 and we lived there fifty years as long as Gladys lived (1974)."

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9/29 Rainy, 53a. Got up about six. Went over to David's. He did chores and ate breakfast and then took Ray and I home when he went up to Freeman's. I did the work. Melted the separator tank [See 10/2.] Helped with dinner. Put Ray to bed. David came over after us about three. I did the dishes and some sweeping. David was in the house quite a little while. Got supper and did dishes after David went. He and Gladys came at eight thirty. Ray knew Mama. [There was an earlier reference to Gladys going to Maine and I think she may have been there a few days. The emphasis in 'Ray knew Mama' likely refers to Ray being happy to see his mother upon her return.]

9/30 Rain, 61a. Got up about eight. Helped with the work. Cleaned the lamps. I made a tick for one of my sofa pillows and stuffed it with silk floss that Walter brought me. Helped with dinner. I made ticks for three more pillows and finished one and stuffed the other two before supper. Dorice and I did the dishes and then I finished up my other two pillows this evening. I read a while before going to bed.

10/1 Cloudy, 40a. Got up about eight thirty, helped with work. We churned and ironed. I went over to Mrs. Kip's and got a pail of Dutchess and got her dress pattern before dinner. I made cream puffs after dinner. Didn't have very good luck. Ma cut out my dress and then she went over to Mrs. Kip's. I worked on my dress and took care of Ray till eleven so David and Gladys could go to movies at Pike. Francis brought me home.

10/2 Beautiful, 42a. Got up about eight thirty. We canned 3 quarts of corn. I worked on my dress. David and Gladys and Ray were over after crabapples. Charles came over to solder the separator tank. Ma and Mrs. Kip went to city. I got my dress almost done. Dorice and I went up to Hite place after school. Got a few cranberries. Looked over Freeman's house. Got home at dark. Ma got her peaches today.

10/3 Fair, 40a. Helped Ma do the work this morning. Mite Society today. Dorice had dinner up to church today. David was over this afternoon. Ma came down after dinner and helped me wash my hair. I

dried it outdoors. Agnes came down here with me. I did a little work on my dress after my hair got dry. Helped do dishes. Finished my dress after supper.

10/4 Got up about eight thirty. Ma baked bread and made butter today. I swept the kitchen and Ma mopped it. Ma and I made ginger cookies this forenoon. After dinner I went up to the Hite place and got a cup full of cranberries. It is awful nice and warm today. Ma made green tomato preserve today.

10/5 [S] Fair, 48a. Got up about nine and took a bath. I went up on the knoll before dinner, got a few beachnuts. We all went to church. David, Gladys and Ray were here a while after church. Gladys and Ray are going with us up to Woodsville to see Aunt Lib. David, Ray and I went down to see the pig. I read quite a while this evening.

10/6 Mostly fair, 54a. I burned my fingers today. I did the dishes and Ma washed. We did some sewing today. Getting ready for company. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Didn't do very much this afternoon. Dorice and I went down to Brown's with Harry and got Ma's pears. Mrs. Smith came up tonight and got crabapples. Dorice and I did dishes. I darned stockings and shined my shoes tonight.

10/7 Rainy, 46a. Got up at seven. Freeman came at nine. He went over and got Gladys and Mary. Freeman took us to Woodsville. Pa got me a red hat of Undine Waldren. We had a dandy dinner, 15 for dinner. Arthur left about two. We stayed till four. It rained some this afternoon. We got here about five. My head don't feel very good. Didn't eat anything. Went to bed about nine thirty. Dorice and I slept in little kitchen.

10/8 Cloudy, fortya. Got up about seven. We canned 3 quarts of pears. Bunnie and I picked some flowers for her to take. She and Arthur started for Contoocook about eight. Aunt Nell helped me do dishes. Ma made some pies this forenoon and I made a sponge cake. Aunt Nell helped do the dishes. I made French roll for supper. Don't feel very good this afternoon. Uncle Allen went to the village with Francis. Uncle E. was over tonight.

10/9 Fair, 42a. Got up about eight. Helped do some of the work. We canned six quarts of peaches this forenoon. Uncle Allen and Aunt Nell have gone over to Uncle E's for the day. Ma churned today. Helped get dinner. Ma don't feel very good this afternoon. Gladys and Ray were over a few minutes this afternoon. They came back about five.

10/10 Fair, 32a. Got up about eight. Aunt Nell helped me do the dishes. She and Ma canned the rest of the pears, 2 ½ quarts. Pa shook off the McIntosh and I picked up them and the snow apples before dinner. Aunt Nell told me what Arthur didn't know. Aunt Nell and I went down to the barn. Uncle Allen went with Freeman and Francis after threshing machine. David, Gladys and Ray were over in evening.

10/11 Fair, 46a. Got up about eight, helped Ma with the work. We had roast lalb [?] for dinner. Uncle Allen and Aunt Nell have gone over to Uncle E's for dinner. Ma went to the village this afternoon. I made two sponge cakes for layer cake. Went over to Gladys' about four and came back with Ma and Aunt Nell. Helped do the dishes.

10/12 [S] Fair, 44a. Got up about eight and took a bath. Showed Aunt Nell some of my clothes. I wore my black dress today. Charles was here to dinner and then went to church with us. Arthur and Bunnie came at four. We had beans and whipped cream cake for supper. We had lots of fun with Arthur because he ate so much supper. We went to bed about nine thirty.

10/13 Fair, 36a. Got up about seven, helped do the breakfast dishes. Arthur, Bunnie and Uncle Allen went over to Gladys'. The men went up in the woods. Gladys, David and Ray had dinner here. I packed my bag and got ready to go as far as Hugh's with them. We took some pictures of Ray. We left at one. We got Hugh's a little past two. Hugh, Mildred and I had a good visit before we went to bed at nine thirty. *[From Kathy Pease Yeo's Howard Family genealogy: HUGH M.⁵ DEARBORN (Mabel⁴ Gerrish, Elizabeth Nancy³ Howard, James Nelson² Howard, James¹*

Howard) was born on 19 May 1891 in New Hampshire, USA. He married MILDRED. Hugh M. Dearborn and Mildred had the following children:

- i. THELMA⁶ DEARBORN was born on 18 Aug 1917.
- ii. AUDREY DEARBORN was born on 15 Feb 1920.
- iii. RALPH EDWARD DEARBORN was born on 03 Oct 1922.
- iv. NEAL DEARBORN was born on 22 Jul 1924.]

10/14 Fair, 32a. Got up at eight thirty. Had my breakfast and then watched Mildred give the baby his bath. Helped her get dinner. Hugh told me how to go down street. Audrey and I started about two. We went round by the High School. Met Thelma. Went to see Hugh a few minutes. Mildred made mint fudge tonight. Good.

10/15 Mostly fair, 38a. Didn't get up till half past nine. Got my breakfast and helped Mildred some. Hugh didn't get home till almost one for dinner. Helped Mildred do dishes. Embroidered some. I took care of Baby a little while. Went down to the store with Audrey. We all went for a ride down to the county farm and over to Wells River and around the trotting park. Mildred drove some.

10/16 Partly cloudy. Got up about nine. Had my breakfast and then embroidered some. I helped Mildred with the dinner. We had it about one. I packed my things and got ready to come home. I have had a dandy visit with Hugh and Mildred. I went down to the station alone. Ma met me. Saw Ernestine on the train. We got home about six. I called up Dorice tonight.

10/17 Mostly fair, 40a. Got up about eight, helped Ma with the work. She went over to Mite Society. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are here. Mr. Curtis came down before dinner. I got dinner and did dishes. Mrs. Curtis and Ma were down a little while. I went over to Gladys' a little while before dark. David says I can go over to auction with him tomorrow.

10/18 Cloudy, 32a. Got up a little before eight. Changed my clothes after breakfast and got ready to go. I did quite a little ironing. David and I started about ten. Saw a lot of people I knew. Went down to Mrs. Pease' to telephone Ma about separator. She and Pa came with Freeman. I talked with Glenn. David got telephone. We got back about five. Ma got vase and two cake tins. *[I bet this was at Clarence Pease's place, as he moved to Wentworth about this time. This would fit with Ma going down to Mrs. Pease's to use the telephone.]*

10/19 [S] Partly cloudy, 34a. Got up about eight thirty and took a bath. Read some before dinner. We all went to church. I went down to Mrs. Chase's with Leon and Maywood to see Florence. Mrs. Chase was glad to see me. I left there just before dark, stopped to see Gladys a few minutes. Got home about six thirty. Went to bed about nine.

10/20 Snow squalls, 32a. Got up about eight, Did the dishes and Ma washed. I picked most of the grapes. Ma and I helped Pa get in Nigger and her calf before dinner. Ma and I colored a coat red for Ray. Pa shook off the Arctus and I picked up most of them before my back caught me so I had to come up into the house. Mary and the children were over and Ma cut out a coat for Carrie.

10/21 Cloudy, 32a. The ground was white with snow this morning. I did the ironing. We had boiled dinner. Mary and the children came over about nine. Ma worked on Carrie's coat. Mary and I did the dishes. Ma laid down a while. I cleaned up my lamp John gave me and did some embroidering this afternoon. We canned two quarts of crabapple.

10/22 Partly cloudy, 32a. I got up about nine. David, Gladys, Ray, Carrie and Iona were over a while. Ma baked bread and four pies. Ma had a package from Lois with things for Ray and Mary's girls. Ray had an awful cute brown knit suit. We all went down to see the calf. Mary and children were over this afternoon. Dorice and I went over to Gladys' this evening. The la__ looks pretty.

10/23 Mostly fair, 30a. Got up about eighth thirty. Ma is making mixed pickle for Leon. Ma finished Ray's red coat. Helped get dinner. Mary and children were over this afternoon to work on Carrie's coat. Fixed my red waist and my yellow one. I embroidered some. I frosted graham crackers for supper. Mary, Ma and I did dishes.

10/24 Fair, 38a. Got up about eight thirty, helped do the work. Pa is picking the apples in lower field. I picked the Marden Blush this forenoon. Helped do dishes. Ma and I started for village about one thirty. Got the time of Jack. I went over and finished paying taxes. I got weighed. I weigh 112 ½ or 104 and 14 ounces without any clothes. Got pictures. We stopped and saw David, Gladys and Ray.

10/25 Fair, warm, 42a. Got up about same as usual. Ma made mixed pickles and crab apple catchup today. I pulled the beets and carrots and a few parsnips this forenoon. Went over to Gladys' about two. Helped David shingle on barn. We finished up the half that he had started. David wanted me to stay to supper but I came home about six.

10/26 [S] Fair, 40. Got up about ten thirty and took a bath *[must have been tuckered out from shingling!]* David, Gladys and Ray stopped here a few minutes. They went over to Warren Chase's to see little foxes. Ma and I went to Sunday school. Mr. Vance couldn't come today. Gladys and Mary stopped here a little while after Sunday school. I wrote a long letter to Flora and Walter and one to Hubbard.

10/27 Fair, 42a. I did the work this morning and Ma did the washing. She and Pa started for Warren to get Harry shod about eleven. I got dinner and did the work. Went out in the little pasture to look for burs but didn't find any. Made apple sauce for supper. They came about five. Dorice and I went over to David's to see bonfire of potato tops.

10/28 Partly cloudy, 44a. Got up about eight. Ma baked bread and churned. Our photographs came today. I helped with work some. I went up towards Square Lot and got two bags of burs this forenoon. Did some embroidering this afternoon. Ma, Dorice and I went up to see Eleanor after school. We got home just before dark. Dorice and I did the dishes tonight. I went to bed about nine.

10/29 Fair, 42a. I got up about nine and did the dishes. Mama washed most all of the windows this forenoon. Helped get dinner and did the dishes. Ma went to the village this afternoon. Dorice and I did dishes. We went over to David's to take over pictures. I took Ray outdoors and then we went in the barn with David. He told me why he liked my pictures without glasses.

10/30 Fair, 31a. Got up about same time as usual and did some of the work. Ma began to work on Mrs. Kenney's fur coat this forenoon. We had boiled dinner. Ma went over to see Mrs. Kipling, Mary and Gladys this afternoon. I didn't do very much. Embroidered a little. Saw David a few minutes tonight. Pa is putting Aunt Susan's wood in the shed *[Cannot make up my mind if Aunt Susan is living with Grampa and Grammy or in her home.]* Fritters for supper.

10/31 Fair, 24a. Got up about eight thirty. Ma made pies and colored some leggings and mittens for Ray, red. She went to the Mite Society. I got dinner and did dishes. Mrs. Chase was up today. Mary did some ironing here. We all went up to school to hear the children's Halloween pieces this afternoon. They were real good.

11/1 Fair, 38a. Got up about eight thirty. Ma is working in Mrs. K's fur coat. We made grape and crab-apple jelly and marmalade today. Churned. I dug my gladiola bulbs *[I wonder if the ones she raised in the 60s were descendants of these bulbs.]* this afternoon and then took a bath. Then Ma and I went over to Gladys'. David is putting in the telephone. I stayed to dinner. Ray is two years old. Francis came after David so Gladys and Ray came over here to stay.

11/2 [S] Rainy, 47a. Got up about nine thirty. Ma and I went to Sunday school. Quite a lot there. Gladys and Ray were here for dinner. Pa went home with Gladys and I went up in the sugarplace and got a lot of partridge berries to send to Flora. Freeman and Eleanor started for New York today. They left Kenneth for Mrs. _ to take care of.

11/3 Snow squalls, 28a. Got up about eight. I was talking with Glenn when Charles came. *[Dad always teased Ma that Charlie Wright was her boyfriend.]* Ma washed. Went over to Gladys' this forenoon. Helped get dinner and did the dishes. Charles took Ma and Pa to Plymouth this afternoon. I had a good time alone. They got back about 5:45. Ma got a bread bowl and two glass measuring cups *[perhaps @ Rand's Hardware.]*

11/4 Snow squalls, 24a. Got up about eight. Arthur came up to see Charles. I saw him a minute. We had chicken pie and Bavarian cream as it is Ma's 39th wedding anniversary *[What about Grampa?]*

David, Gladys and Ray were here to dinner. They left Ray and I and all went down to vote. I rode over when Charles took David and Gladys home. Charles, Dorice and I went up to Mrs. tonight. I wouldn't go without Dorice [*Hmmmmmm.*]

11/5 Fair, 20a. Got up about eight thirty. Charles went home this morning. We ironed and Ma worked on the fur coat. I did dishes and then helped Pa pick up most ten bushels of crab apples. I embroidered a little while after I came in. Helped get supper and did the dishes. Read most of the evening.

11/6 Smokey, 38a. Got up about same time as usual. It is awful smokey today. Ma worked on fur coat. I got most of dinner. Pa fixed cellar door this afternoon and I embroidered. Ma made a apron for Verna. Dorice and I walked up and got partridge berries for her mother and Mrs. Kip. We got some nice ones.

11/7 Fair, 48a. Helped with the work some. Ma and Pa put on Aunt Susan's double windows. Mary and the children came over this forenoon. Ma and Pa went to village with apples this afternoon. I sewed five strips on my quilt. Mary went home about dark. Nigger is sick tonight. David was in a few minutes. Had a card from Charles.

11/8 Windy, cold, 40a. Didn't get up till nine thirty as I don't feel very good. David was here and he and Pa gave Nigger salts. Pa went to village this forenoon with apples. Ma baked bread and ginger cookies. Ma's dishes came. I had another card from Charles today. David came over tonight to give Nigger oil. Felt pretty good.

11/9 [S] Cloudy, 14a. Got up about ten. Ma and Pa have gone down to Mrs. Perkins to call up Mr. Bean. Ma and I went to church. Bean gave Nigger some medicine and left some more. I went down when David and Pa gave her the salts. Charles came about six. He told me all about his trip.

11/10 Fair, 30a. Got up about eight. Mr. Pease brought Dorice over. Charles didn't get up till past nine. He helped put on our double windows. He went down to Brown's before dinner. I cleaned three or four shelves in the living room cupboard for dishes. I went over and took care of Ray for a little while. She went up to Freeman's.

11/11 Fair, 30a. Hubbard and one of his boys [*Huh – he was never married and had no children that I ever heard of – must mean friends, perhaps veterans.*] came about eleven thirty last night. Ma and I did the ironing. Nigger is a little better today. We had parsnip stew for dinner. I went over as far as Gladys' when Hub went back about two. Hubbard took two pictures over there. I came home about three but didn't do much after I got home.

11/12 Cloudy, 30a. Got up about eight thirty. Did the work and Ma worked on fur coat. David brought Ray over when he went up to Freeman's about ten. Gladys came over later. Gladys and I did dishes. She washed her hair. She and Ma gave Ray a shampoo and a haircut after he had his nap. Dorice and I went over to Mrs. _ and picked out Christmas pieces.

11/13 Partly cloudy, 30a. Got up about eight thirty. Did the work and Ma finished Mr. Kenney's fur coat. I did the dishes. Ma went to the village this afternoon. It is nice out today. The cows are all out in the field. Didn't do very much this afternoon. Ma got home about four thirty. Ma chopped meat for mincemeat tonight.

11/14 Snow squalls, 34a. Didn't get up till most nine. We had an inch and a half of snow last night. Dorice told me that Glenn said he would go skiing with me some moonlight night. Ma and Pa went to Mite Society. The men are cutting wood today. Mrs. Kipling was in here a little while. Helped do dishes.

11/15 Cloudy, 30a. Got up about nine. Ma is fixing dress and coat for Mrs. Chase. Pa is tapping my shoes. Ma got her mincemeat all done today. Mary stopped here a few minutes. I went over to Gladys' about three. She didn't feel very good so I did dishes, swept a little and helped her with supper and dishes. Came home about 7:30.

11/16 [S] Cloudy, snow, 34a. Got up about nine and took a bath. Ma and I went to church. Helped get dinner and do dishes. Pa went over to Gladys' after dinner. Ma went to bed and I read a while. I hunted up our telephone receiver and went over to David's about five. David and I looked in well under the house. I came home about six thirty.

11/17 Cold, windy, 0. I was zero this morning. I put on my heavy dress. Glenn brought Dorice over. Ma washed today but the wind blew so she couldn't put the clothes out. I helped get dinner and did the dishes. Got a letter from Walter and Flora. I sewed some long strips on my tumble quilt this afternoon. It didn't warm up all day.

11/18 Fair, 6a. I got up about eight. I did the dishes and then sewed long strips on my quilt. Ma is mending her woolen quilt. I had a letter from Katherine today. Helped with dinner and dishes. Worked on my quilt this afternoon. Pa went over to Gladys' this afternoon. Helped with dishes.

11/19 Fair, 6a. Got up about eight. Ma put her clothes out and washed her woolen quilt. She made pumpkin, mince and apple pies. I worked on my quilt. I went over with Evelyn and picked out my duck. Stopped at Gladys' and Mrs. Kip's. I got my quilt top all together and all pressed tonight. Am tired.

11/20 Cloudy, 22a. Got up about eight and helped with work. Ma tore out my quilt lining and I made it. Had a letter from Mildred. Ma and I got my quilt on and tacked a little before dinner. Mrs. Kip, Gladys and Ray came over and helped. Dorice helped at recess. We got it all done. I went home with Gladys. Came back with David on wheels.

9/21 Fair, 26a. Didn't get up till most nine. Ma swept and mopped the Lady's room [where the Lovering's stayed when they were there in the summer?] We had a boiled dinner. Pa is putting roofing on the hen house. I helped him. Ma is helping Mrs. Kip take her quilt up to church. David and Dorice saw a deer up about the schoolhouse this morning. I worked a little while binding my quilt.

9/22 Rainy, 38a. Got up about nine. Mr. Kipling came over to draw manure but it rained so didn't get out but one load. He brought over my duck. Pa went over and helped David saw wood this afternoon. I basted binding on my quilt and got it all done. Ma and I went down and fed the duck. I didn't do very much tonight.

11/23 [S] Rain, snow, 46a. Got up about ten and took a bath. We didn't have any Sunday school today as it was rainy. Ma and I went down to the barn and watched the duck swim. I helped get dinner and then went over to Gladys'. We had a good time. I came home about six thirty.

11/24 Snow, 34a. There is about four inches of snow now. I wrote six Thanksgiving cards. Ma washed and put clothes out. We churned. I helped with the work. I took Ray's sled over and got him ready and he, David and Gladys came over home. David and I had him up to house in water. David tapped shoes and I fed him apples.

11/25 Partly cloudy, 32a. Got up about eight thirty. Ma baked bread and dressed the duck. I ironed. Mrs. Kip was over after mail. Mr. Lange came with a wagon for first time. Ma and Pa went to the village this afternoon. I did some embroidering this afternoon. Ma and Pa came about five.

11/26 Partly cloudy, 30a. Got up about eight thirty. Ma went over to Mrs. Kipling's this morning. She made seven pies and I made a layer cake with raspberry jam and white frosting and a sponge cake. David got some skis up at Freeman's. I went over to Uncle E's and David's before dark. David and I got the icicles for ice cream.

11/27 Mostly cloudy, 24a. Got up at eight thirty. David, Gladys and Ray came about nine. I helped with work. Cut David's hair some. He and I froze ice cream. We had dinner about twelve thirty. David did his chores and then came back for ice cream. They went home about ten.

11/28 Fair, 30a. Hubbard came up about eight and tried to get me up. David brought Ray over about nine. Gladys came later. David and Hub went hunting with Freeman. Ma went to Mite Society. I took care of Ray most of the time. Harry was down here most all day. I had a card from Charles. The boys came about five. Hub and I fooled.

11/29 Snow, 18a. I got up about eight thirty. I embroidered G.'s pillowcases. Hub pressed his suit this forenoon. Ma made a pair of rompers for Ray. I teased Hubbard about Eva's letter. He and Crystal have had a disagreement. Uncle E. took Hub to the train, is going as far a Plymouth. David has gone to Woodsville with Freeman today. It has been snowing hard all afternoon. Took a bath tonight.

11/30 [S] Cloudy, 24a. Got up about ten. Howard and Maurice came down to Sunday school but we didn't have any, the roads are too bad. I went over to Gladys' after dinner. She made out a Sears order. I

fooled with David and Ray a few minutes. I wrote two long letters, one to Flora and Walter and one to Ida.

12/1 Cloudy, snow, 6a. Got up about eight and did the work. Ma washed. We sent a freight order to McQuesten. David came over and butchered the calf. He dressed 108. David came over about four and helped Pa bring up the calf. Aunt Susan has got a cold. It is cold out tonight. I had some liver for supper.

12/2 Snow squalls, 18a. I took Mrs. Kip over some liver this morning. Went on my skis, they went pretty good. Churned. I ironed after I got home. Walked up the hill with Dewey. Pa is all in with a cold today. Ma canned three quarts of veal. Mrs. Kipling was over in pm. I went over to Gladys' with children.

12/3 Cloudy, 20a. Got up about eight thirty. I sent for Ray's knife, fork and spoon. David and Downing are off bear hunting today. He came in back of Amos's barn. They were gone from five to six and traveled about 30 miles. I helped Ma fix our fur robe and worked on pillowcases. Wrote letter to Katherine tonight.

12/4 Fair, 16a. Had to get up about four. I stayed in bed till about nine. Ma put her clothes out today and got them dry. We had roast veal with stuffing for dinner. Ma finished mending the fur robe. I didn't do much today. Stayed on couch and read most of the time. Went to bed kind of early.

12/5 Partly cloudy, 16a. I got up about nine. Ma did most of the work. Pa hitched up Harry and took Ma and Mrs. Kip down to Mrs. Perkins' about ten. I got the dinner and did dishes. I read some and embroidered some on pillowcases. Ma got home about five. I feel pretty good tonight. I went to bed about nine.

12/6 Cloudy, 34a. Fixed Ma's birthday cake. I didn't get up till most nine. David came back this way. Ma churned five and ½ lbs. of butter today. I helped with the work. Did the dishes. She and Pa went to the village this afternoon with sled. Got McQuesten order. Pretty hard sledding. Ma got some books at the Library and read out loud. I took a bath.

12/7 [S] Cloudy, 34a. Got up about nine. Ma and I went to church. Not many out. Gladys came. David and Ray stopped here. Didn't get home till most two. Gladys brought roast chicken for dinner. Glenn and Dorice came about five. Glenn will go skiing with me sometime. We started "The Valley of Silent Men." [From on-line movie review: "Shot Mountie Lew Cody discovers his old friend with a corpse, strangled with a hank of hair. He says he didn't do it. Because Cody thinks he will die from his wounds, he falsely confesses to the murder. Enter mysterious Alma Rubens, who overawes RCMP commandant George Nash, and rescues the recovered Cody, taking him to the mysterious Valley of Silent Men, pursued by Cody's friend Joe King over mountains and glaciers."]

12/8 Rain, 32a. Got up about eight. Ma washed and I did the work. Couldn't put clothes out. Helped with dinner and dishes. Embroidered on my pillowcases some. Made French Rolls today. [She has mentioned several times making these – perhaps crusty rolls? I don't think she made such things on the farm.] We read a lot in our book tonight. I made out order to Sears for Christmas. Sent for Ma's blouse at National. [In 1950, there was a National Mail Order Co. in Chicago – perhaps this is it.]

12/9 Partly cloudy, 43a. Got up about nine. Ate my breakfast and then got some yellow paint and put one coat on Ray's sled. Had a letter from Hubbard and Dorice's luncheon set. Mr. Kipling is hauling manure here today. [I wonder if he has a spreader, as opposed to using a dump cart.] I washed out my pillowcase and ironed it this forenoon. I embroidered this afternoon. We finished one book and started "The Flaming Forest." [Likely another book by the same author as Valley of Silent Men, James Oliver Curwood. "This is the final volume in his Three River Country trilogy, preceded by *The River's End* and *The Valley of Silent Men*. A mystery title and northland adventure. Basis for the silent 1926 motion picture."]

12/10 Partly cloudy, 16a. We read till ten in our book. I got up at eight thirty. Had my breakfast and then I painted Ray's sled the second time. Mrs. Kipling was over this forenoon. I showed her the pillowcase I have finished. Ma churned today. Pa and I went to a Telephone Meeting at Mrs. Chase's today. Stopped at Gladys' a minute. The wind was awful cold coming home. [About the only two descriptive words Ma uses are 'awful' and 'dandy.']

12/11 Partly cloudy, 6a. Got up about nine. David stopped here a minute. He and Amos and Uncle E. are working on the line. *[I thought they already had telephone service but perhaps not.]* Kip came over and is getting out manure. David was here for dinner. Pa worked on the lines this afternoon as the spreader wouldn't work. They got back about five. We sat up till most eleven to finish our book. *[Grammy borrowed books on 12/6 and they already have two finished.]*

12/12 Got up about eight thirty. Worked on my sofa cushion. Got package from Sears and got my Christmas cards. Pa is helping David saw wood. I did the chores this noon. Went up to Mite Society and helped and helped tack quilt. The children spoke their pieces. We got the quilt all done.

12/13 20a. Got up about nine. Helped with the work. Ma bound the quilt. I helped with dinner and the dishes. Pa went down to Ramsdell's to see the pigs. I embroidered some. I took a bath in Ma's bedroom before supper *[probably warmer in there – maybe a register up through the ceiling as at the farm.]* I helped with the dishes. I read this evening. David has got a cold tonight.

12/14 [S] Partly cloudy, 14a. Got up about nine with a cold. I put on a heavy dress and a sweater and laid down on the couch. I took some medicine and put some Mustard Ointment on my throat. Had a nap on Ma's bed and then ate a little and had another nap. I went to bed about eight thirty. Ma piled on a lot of quilts.

12/15 Fair, 8b. Got up about seven and came down and got into Ma's bed. Dorice and Glenn came about eight. Ma's blouse came today. Mrs. Ellis brought up a pig. We sent out photos to Aunt Lilla. I got dressed about ten. I got a letter from Flora. David stopped to see me a minute. Dorice talked with her mother *[I bet they have the telephone working.]* I helped Dorice fix the children's candy boxes tonight.

12/16 Cloudy, 4b. Got up about nine. Did up one of my pictures to send to Flora and one of Ma's for Aunt Abbie. Wrote a letter to Flora. Got package from Sears. David and Uncle E. came about ten to butcher. Ma made pies and I fixed apples. They didn't butcher until after dinner. I feel pretty good. David came over this evening to take the hog down. She dressed 333 ½ lbs.

12/17 Cloudy, 28a. Got up about eight thirty, did the dishes. Ma is cutting up lard. David came about ten to help cut up the meat. We had some pork fried for dinner. I did the dishes. Ma and Pa went to the village this afternoon. I pressed Ma's blouse. I wrote in my diary and did some embroidering. Ma got some magazines at Library.

12/18 Cloudy, 18a. Got up about eight thirty. Worked on meat most all day. Ma made sausage this afternoon. I made a Jelly Roll this afternoon, it came out fine. I finished embroidering the second pillowcase tonight. Mrs. Kipling was over a little while tonight. Dorice fixed a box for children's presents.

12/19 Rainy, 20a. Didn't get up till most nine. Finished making Dorice's corn chowder. Everything is coated with ice. Finished up lard today. Dorice had dinner with the children. Had pkg. from Nan. Ma went over to Mrs. Kip's this am. I went over to Gladys and Mrs. Kip's this afternoon. Came home about dark. Awful slipery.

12/20 Cold, windy, 12a. Didn't get up till past nine. Ate my breakfast and went over to Gladys' to stay with Ray/ She and David went to Plymouth with Freeman and Eleanor to see Dr. Chase. Just snow enough to make it awful slipery. Had good time with Ray. Talked with Dorice and Mrs. Pease. It was awful cold coming home. I ironed pillowcase.

12/21 [S] Partly cloudy, 20b. The sitting room chimney got on fire, so I got up about eight. It didn't do any damage [maybe not obvious but chimney fires burned many houses!] Read some. George brought Charles over after dinner. Freeman and Francis were here a few minutes. Charles went over to David's a little while. [Mostly crossed out “_ _ _ _ Charles gave me a _ . We got to bed about eleven.”]

12/22 Cloudy, 18b. Got up about eight thirty, didn't do very much. I feel sore all over. Charles went about nine thirty. I took a hot bath after dinner, soaked my feet in mustard water and laid on couch. I stayed there most of afternoon. Hubbard came about six. Ma rubbed my back with alcohol tonight.

12/23 Partly cloudy, 6a. Got up about eight thirty. Didn't do very much this forenoon. I fainted once. I laid on bed and wrote items and a few cards. Mr. Lange didn't come till past twelve. David and Mrs. Kip

came about two. David and Hub got the tree and Ma and Mrs. Kip trimmed the church. I feel pretty good tonight.

12/24 Snow, 14a. Got up about nine. We didn't do very much work this forenoon. I helped Ma do dishes. Hub made a fire up to church. Kip brought her over about three. Ma went up and helped her. I filled the candy boxes. We began about eight thirty. David and Gladys were here about an hour. Mrs. waited here for Freeman.

12/25 Snow squalls, 15a. David brought us home at nine. Got up about eight. Tried on my new night dress and red Middie. Did the dishes. Cooked some cranberries. David, Gladys and Ray came about twelve. Uncle E. was here. David, I, Hub played dominos. Hub and I went home with Gladys and David about dark. Eleanor seems real nice. We trimmed Ray's tree. Hub went after Ma. Ray had an awful good time.

12/26 Fair, 4b. Mrs. Kip's tree was awful pretty. Hub came up and pulled me out of bed and carried me downstairs about nine. Hub went down to Brown's this forenoon. He had pkgs. from Mrs. Curtis, Lois, Aunt Lilla and Mabel. Hub had dinner at Gladys'. I didn't do very much this afternoon. Made some fudge for Mabel. Ma. Hub and I went over to Mrs. Kip's. David, Gladys, Ray and Eleanor were there.

12/27 Fair, 4a. Got up about eighth thirty. We changed the pictures around in the sitting room this forenoon. Hub went out skiing. Helped do dishes. Hub and I got to fooling and I got awful disgusted. He went over to Gladys' this afternoon. I had a little peace this evening as Hub was over to Uncle E's most of the time. Went to bed about nine thirty.

12/28 [S] Fair, 18b. Got up about eight thirty. Brownie has had four or five spells this morning [*dog*] Hubbard went about ten. Brownie had another spell so we called up David and he came over and shot her. [*Worried about rabies or just old?*] Ma is about sick from it. I talked with David a few minutes. Helped with dinner. I read most of the evening.

12/29 Cloudy, 2b. Got up about eight and took a bath. Ma did a big washing. I did the dishes, started to make my grey apron. I helped do dishes and then finished my apron. Got the muslin [*"cotton fabric of plain weave. It is made in a wide range of weights from delicate sheers to coarse sheeting."*] pieces upstairs and Ma made four squares toward my muslin quilt. Straightened out the boxes in my closet this afternoon.

12/30 Cloudy, 14a. Got up about eight thirty. Got ready and went out skiing. Went across the middle field three times. I got a letter from Walter today. Did some ironing. Ma helped me do dishes and then she and Pa started for the village about two. I tore out some linings for the quilt. They got home about five.

12/31 Fair, 10a. Got up about eight thirty. Had my breakfast and did the dishes. Freeman stopped here a few minutes and Ma went over to Gladys' with him. I got dinner and did dishes. Pa is hauling wood this afternoon for first time. He went as far as Kip's and got Ma. I tore out about twenty linings this afternoon.

Names:

Agnes	-Kenson, daughter of Mary and Francis
Amos	- likely Chase, neighbor
Anna	- perhaps related to Kiplings
Arthur	- likely Sunbury, married to Bunnie, live in Contoocook
Audrey	- Dearborn, daughter of Hugh and Mildred
August King	- road agent
Aunt Abbie	-
Aunt Lib	- lives in Woodsville
Aunt Lilla	- Lowd Hood, Grammy's sister in Canada
Aunt Nell	- Howard Sunbury, wife of Uncle Allen
Aunt Susan	- Howard, widow of Uncle Len; I'm pretty sure living with Grammy and Grampa
Bailey	- broke roads with Osborne's team

Bertha - likely Goodwin, wife of Harry
 Bill - related to Louise Clark?
 Billy - maybe a horse of Grampa's
 Blanche -
 Bunnie - perhaps Sunbury, married to Arthur, live in Contoocook
 Carrie - Keneson, daughter of Mary and Francis.
 Charles - likely Wright, as he worked on Grampa's car on 8/14
 Clarence - Pease
 Crystal -
 Della - likely Donnelly
 Dewey - Chase, logger and sawmill owner
 Dolly - teaching at Atwell Hill School, boarding at Grammy Howards. Lives on Pease farm
 Donald -
 Dorice - Pease, sister of Glenn
 Dr. Ladd - from Wentworth
 Edward Dowse - related to C.W. Lowd's wife
 Elbridge - Henry Elbridge Howard, George's brother, a minister and farmer
 Earl - David got letter from him
 Eleanor - Wright, wife of Freeman; or daughter of Kiplings
 Ernestine -
 Eva - likely Pease, Chase and Julia's daughter, Clarence' sister
 Evelyn - perhaps daughter or second wife of Uncle Elbridge; or connected to Kiplings
 Everett - likely Goodwin, young son of Harry and Bertha Goodwin
 Everett - likely Wright, husband of Lizzie
 Flora - Lowd Bauer, daughter of Uncle Will, wife of Walter Bauer, have photos
 Florence - at school in Plymouth
 Francis - likely Keneson, husband of Mary A.
 Freeman - Wright, neighbor, son of Lizzie Keneson Wright; husband of Eleanor
 George - neighbor?; Sarah and Alice and two children, possibly Wright
 Geraldine - Brown, neighbor, daughter of Oscar & Gladys; b-day one day after Grampa Howard's
 Gertrude -
 Gladys - Brown, wife of Oscar, neighbor
 Glenn - Pease, future husband
 Gretchen - Kipling, wife of Lionel, moved to S. Main St., Warren in late 20s.
 Harry - likely Goodwin, husband of Bertha
 Harry - Grampa's horse
 Henry - perhaps Chase
 Herbert - Clark, husband of Louise, neighbor just over the line into Piermont
 Hib - may be she is writing 'Hub', for Hubbard
 Howard - likely Wright, son of Lizzie
 Hubbard - Everett Howard, son of Elbridge, Ma's cousin
 Hugh - Dearborn, husband of Mildred, live in Woodsville
 Ida -
 Iona - Keneson, daughter of Mary & Francis
 Jennie - Ernestine is staying there
 John - must live on way from village, see 8/26
 Julia - Nutting, remarried widow of Chase Pease, lives in Plymouth

Junie - [with "Uncle Fred"]
 Katherine -
 Kenneth - Wright, son of Freeman and Eleanor
 Leon - Chase, husband of Maywood
 Lionel - Kipling, husband of Gretchen, moved to S. Main St., Warren in late 20s.
 Lizzie - Keneson Wright, daughter of Mary A., sister of David
 Lois - had x-mas package from her
 Louise - Clark, wife of Herbert, neighbor, Mite Society
 Madeline - Pease
 Mabel - had x-mas package from her
 Marion - Chase, perhaps sister of Dewey
 Mary - likely Keneson, wife of Francis, Grampa's relative
 Mary Wright -
 Maurice - related to Lizzie and Everett Wright
 Maywood - Chase, wife of Leon, has new baby
 McLean - not sure if Mrs. or Miss or both
 Mike Crane - broke roads
 Mildred - Dearborn, wife of Hugh, live in Woodsville
 Miss Savage -
 Mr. Batchelder -
 Mr. Judd - mailman
 Mr. Lange - Svend, R.F.D. mailman, brought mail from Pike P.O.
 Mr. Nichols - Plymouth
 Mr. Pease - Francis, my grandfather.
 Mrs. Aldrich - lives near Mary and Francis
 Mrs. Brown - Wilhelmina, wife of Alson
 Mrs. Chase - neighbor, Mite Society; also one in Plymouth, likely wife of Dr. Ezra Chase
 Mrs. Curtis - had x-mas package from her
 Mrs. Ellis -
 Mrs. Gale - neighbor, Mite Society, from farm just west of Pease farm
 Mrs. Keneson - David's mother, Mary A.
 Mrs. Kenney - Grammy fixed a fur coat for her
 Mrs. Neitz - connected to Camp Moosilauke, seen in some news items in 30s
 Mrs. Pease - my Grammy Mabel Pease
 Mrs. Perkins - neighbor
 Mrs. Robinson -
 Mrs. Smith - neighbor, Mite Society
 Noah - with Julia Nutting – stepson?
 Oscar - Brown, husband of Gladys, brother of Alson
 Rev. and Mrs. Kimball, Hopkinton
 Rev. Mr. Scott
 Sarah Wright
 Sid Crane - broke roads.
 Thelma - Dearborn, daughter of Hugh and Mildred
 Uncle Allen - Sunbury, husband of Aunt Nell
 "Uncle Fred" - [with Junie]
 Verna - came to Howard's with Dad

Walter - Bauer, husband of Flora S. Lowd, daughter of Uncle Will. In Navy; have photos
Wilfred - Lowd, son of Uncle Will and Aunt Abbie
Williams - sold strawberries, perhaps store